

## Minutes -- Friends First Quarter Meeting – January 30, 2024

- Because of inclement weather, this meeting was postponed several times. And again on this day unanticipated heavy snow limited attendance to five members (two board members) and the library director.
- The meeting was called to order at 11:20 A.M.
- Attendance sheet on file.
- Fourth quarter minutes placed in file.
- In Jean's absence, Jane reviewed the December, 2023 year-end budget. The checkbook balance is \$10,805.05. Not included are the proceeds from the Holiday Package Sale and the Holiday Silent Auction which will be reported in January.
- The 2024 calendar dates were reviewed and passed out
- Jane reviewed the year-end 2023 History of Gifts report and distributed copies to the attendees. The total of gifts presented to the library for the year totaled \$10,690. This brings the grand total of gifts presented since the Friends inception in 1978 to \$257,091.
- Andrea presented the library's "wish list." The list included 3 sessions of Sloan Longway Museum children's programs, two adult programs (Valentine's Day desserts; painting class); Book Page subscription; Library of Things additions, and large white board and floor sign. The total amount requested was \$2,550. This was approved by all attendees. Because the Friends had such a successful year financially, Andrea will look into additional needs they may have— particularly icw summer programming. Request list on file.
- The Spring Book Sale Checklist was distributed to those who needed a copy.
- Sue volunteered to organize the Silent Auction.
- A current Active Member List was distributed.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Because there was limited attendance caused by the inclement weather, Jane held a mini-meeting at the following Tuesday's book sort. Four additional members attended and received the handouts. They all voted to approve the Director's wish list, providing the votes needed for a board quorum. In addition, Betty and Joann volunteered to work on the Silent Auction (Kathy also volunteered via a phone conversation.) Several suggestions were made regarding the pick up of left over books after the sale— Jane will follow up with a non-profit organization referred by Andrea and Ann and Melissa with school literacy contacts they have.

Submitted by Jane Kleban

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