

ATAWBA COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

September 12, 2016

Present: officers Susan Anderson, Libbie Lynn, Sylvia King, Helen Brigham; members Susan Arrowood, Pat Beyersdorfer, Ginny Pretty; staff Suzanne White, Paul Foster.

Call to Order: at 11:01 a.m. by President Susan Anderson.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 8th meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Sylvia reported a checkbook balance of \$8990.65 as of September 11th. The Annual Book Sale "broke the record" with \$4295.31 in proceeds!

Staff Reports:

A. Suzanne stated:

- 1. The coffee machine remains a work in progress.**
- 2. The library will participate in the Folk Art Fest to be held in downtown Newton on October 1st.**

B. Paul reported on:

- 1. Collaboration with the public schools, including**
 - a. STEM night at Newton-Conover Middle School this evening where he will provide information on science and tech found at the library;**
 - b. Back to School at Clyde Campbell on September 13th to discuss with parents and children resources at the library and to offer library card applications.**
- 2. Partnership with Joshua Cummings of Big Object Comics Shop in downtown Newton. On October 29th the library will host its second "Build Your Own Superheroes" session. That evening the library will have a table in front of the store and hand out free comic books, as well as talk to the patrons at the store about library services.**

Old Business:

A. Annual Book Sale:

- 1. It was a success, bringing in just under \$5000.00.**
- 2. The large sign tore and will need replacement. Suzanne suggested a new one with an eye-catching color or symbol.**
- 3. Overall the sentiment was to "keep it up"!**

4. Question of whether to take credit cards next year was determined to need research.

B. Peggy Day memorial picnic table and benches.

- 1. Mike Sosebee donated the labor, and Sylvia sent him a thank you.**
- 2. April is working on the wording to go on a plaque for the table.**

New Business:

A. On-going book sale shelf stocking: Pat &Helen will take October.

B. Pat said that there will be gift baskets offered in October.

- 1. Fall themes, birthday, Thanksgiving, etc.**
- 2. Requested that Suzanne notify staff that donations from them accepted, too.**

C. All library staff meeting on Monday, October 10th, the first ever.

- 1. Staff training, and all branches will be closed.**
- 2. Suzanne requested the Friends provide funds for snack at registration and for lunch.**
- 3. Libbie moved that \$400.00 be allocated, Susan Arrowood seconded, and the motion passed.**

D. Annual meeting of the State Friends:

- 1. October 22nd in Greensboro, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A box lunch can be ordered in advance.**
- 2. Susan B. Anderson is in charge of the event. Several others are interested in attending. Contact Susan to arrange car-pooling.**

Adjournment was at 11:50 a.m.

The Next Meeting will be Monday, October 10, at 11:00 a.m. at Main in Newton.

**Helen Brigham,
Secretary**

