Friends of the Cadott Community Library – Meeting of 25 August 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Cody Panozzo slightly after 5:30 PM at the Lion’s East Side Pavilion. Members present were Brian and Minnie McConnell, and Daniel Ponozzo. Nicole Tiry called ahead to let us know she would not make it. Kevin Litten taking notes. Librarian Samma Johnson was also present.

The previous meetings minutes were approved.

Since our last meeting of February 24, 2022, the Friends have earned through combined plant and book sales approximately $603. During that same period the Friends have spent about $307. This gives the Friends an active balance of about $297.

The Friends have a balance of $3134.91 in our savings account. $2000 of that amount is designated for sports equipment from the Packer Fund.

The Friends are applying for a business or non profit card thru Citizens State Bank. Our 501(3)c non profit status has expired. We will need to reapply and there is a $50 filing fee. Kevin stated that he would share the names of a couple people he knows from other groups that have been thru this.

Samma stated that she will be putting donor buttons on the web page. She is looking into which group gives the deal best suited for the Friends. Apart from one time donations she hopes to get monthly pledges and possibly get auction hosting.

The Packer Foundation Grant has been on hold for some time now because of Covid. It is scheduled to kick off in the Spring of 2023. The library will loan out athletic equipment and balls. It will also promote the disc golf course on the East side Riverview Park.

The plant sale held in early June brought in about $480. In the future we should diversify the plants we offer. The first few days of the sale went best. Many of the plants grew poorly because of the weather.

The libraries display at Nabor Days was thought to have gone well. Much of the discussion centered around a prize wheel and gum ball machine. It was thought that some patrons played too many times. Policies will be addressed before next year’s Nabor Days.

New Business

Booya Days will be September 17. Cody will be out of town. The library will close at 2 PM. If there is a book sale it is recommended that it be held inside.

A possible Halloween Trunk or Treat was contemplated. Halloween is only two months away so any activity will need to be put together soon. The nearest trunk or treat is in Cornell. It was thought we could do it in the lower park and charge $10 per car. Special signage will need to be purchased and promotions made on social media and the local press.

It was thought that there should be a Meet and Greet Membership Drive for Friends. Tentative date would be November 17; two days before gun deer season if you are looking. Possible ideas were a taco festival at Half Way from 5 till 7 PM. Invite your neighbors and interested persons. Hopefully get more Friends and possibly some good press.

Our library director, Samma Johnson, outlined her wish list for the coming year. These included renewing the library's movie license, purchasing “Friend’s Bags” for Halloween, and also more suckers with the library’s custom imprint. Samma commented that although the mints went over well, the suckers were even more popular. The Friends approved spending $750 for these items.

Meeting adjourned about 7 PM. The date of the next meeting was not announced.