Friends of the Cadott Community Library, Meeting of 27 September 2023

The meeting began at 17:03 in the library. Members present were Samma Johnson, Cookie Kaste, Cody Panozo, Nicole Tiry, and Kevin Litten, who is submitting these notes.

Brian, our treasurer, sent his report to Samma via email. Our checking account has $994 and our savings account has $601. Brian recommends maintaining at least $250 in the accounts. Recent expenses include $220 for our annual movie license. Impending expenses include our ~$400 needed to renew our non profit status. The Friends have received no money yet into our PayPal account. Brian reports that we need an audit of our finances at least yearly to maintain our non profit status.

A recap of Nabor Days and Booya Days shows that we took in about $250 in book sales and donations. The bubble gum machine was a good draw for the library, emptying quickly, yet probably produced no new Friends for the library or volunteers to help. Samma suggested that next year we use her spinner. Other members present commented that, if we could start early enough, we might be about to have interactive activities such as a reading passport which might be more supportive of our group.

Erica Gullerud’s name was mentioned as someone who might assist us with county related grants/funding. Nicole will pursue this.

Niki also proposed that the library create a brochure about “What it means to be a Friend.” This brochure would state that we only meet about twice a year, the activities and fund raisers we participate in, and so on. No motion was taken on this.

Samma mentioned that October 15 thu 21 is Friends of the Library Week. We should perhaps have a social media promotion of this, highlighting members and volunteers.

It was proposed that the Friends participate in the concessions stand at the Cadott High School sporting events. This should be a good fund raising opportunity with a minimum income of $75 per event and a possible opportunity of up to $400. This activity will require 4 people minimum, one of which must be an adult.

The Friends decided to go ahead with this with the goal of working at least one activity a month. The first activity will be on January 23rd; a girl’s basketball game between Stanley-Boyd. Volunteers are asked to show up at 16:30 with the game beginning at 17:45. The second activity will be on Friday, February 2nd (Ground Hogs Day) for a boy’s basketball game.

The Friends will begin seeking donations for a chili feed for the Trunk or Treat event on October 27, 2023. It is hoped that the group will acquire enough chili to feed about 350 to 400 people. This is a large amount totaling about 150 pounds. The Friends will decide soon if there will be a free will donation or a charge for this. The details of cooking and serving this will need to also be worked out.

For both the concessions and Trunk or Treat events more volunteers are needed to assist; Friends of the Friends, for this to be successful.

Some time in February is “Library Lovers Day.” The Friends will need to be thinking about how best to use this opportunity.

There was a comment made that the Friends should consider this year’s fundraiser of selling cards.

A mention was made about FlowerPowerFundraising.com It appears to be a fundraiser with good potential. Friends would sell ten bulbs for $15 and half of the in take would go to the group for the library.

Samma mentioned that she intended to continue giving away free books, mostly to children, as part of the library’s public relations efforts. She requested, from the Friend’s funds, an amount of money, not to exceed $170, to restock the Care Cabinet and also to buy a supply of Dum Dums candy. Motion passed by the group.

Meeting adjourned at 18:14