FVPL Meeting – October 3, 2013

Members present: Adrienne Minnerick, Kelly Luck, Deb Charlesworth, Eloise Heller, Amy Hughes, Ellen Marks, Dana Richter, Don Durfee, Rasika Gawde, Dan LaForest

1. Minutes from the September 12, 2013 meeting were approved.

2. Treasurer’s report

   • Funds for the Copper Strike speakers were budgeted, but not spent. Because of the fire, the event was cancelled. Ellen Marks will check on their expenses and report back to the Board.
   • Adrienne moved that the funds that weren’t spent be carried over into the current year budget. Dana seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

3. Old Business

   a. Annual Book Sale (April 1-2, 2014)

      • Make a Difference Day, Saturday, October 26, 2013 – will schedule a work day with a student group.
      • In January, we need to make announcements to solicit for books.
      • There are notices at the front desk with the dates for the sale and calls for donations. Eloise asked Ellen to remind her staff of the information.

   b. Fall newsletter articles are due

      • Everybody is working on their articles.
      • Ellen will provide a fire update.
      • An article about art will be moved to the spring newsletter. The art has been framed, but not hung due to the reconfigurations of the library space. The article should have pictures to show the location and content of the art.

   c. Annual Meeting

      • Hugh Gorman is our speaker.
      • Eloise is working with Travis to get a sign for publicizing the event and will email to the group.
      • Deb will put a notice in Tech Today and Gazette that mentions free parking after 4pm on campus.

4. New Business

   a. Purchase of donation drop box

      • The library provided this for the Friends and does not expect to be reimbursed. Thank you!
- Ellen proposed funding a new armoire to provide an attractive place for a book cart. The Friends discussed having something designed that would include a built in money box and a place to store books to replenish the offerings. Ellen will work on getting a quote for this.
- Ellen noted that the outside Library return box is not needed anymore since the Library is open 24 hours/day. It could be repurposed with a “Friends” logo.

b. Update on happenings in the Library – Ellen Marks

- The physical space…
  - The Library will be open 24 hours/day starting on the 21st of October.
  - More furniture is arriving.
  - The Garden level is much improved with soft seating, chairs, and computers.
  - Printing has emerged as a big issue, and there is a need for more high volume black and white printers.
  - Color printers have a per page cost, but also offer free scanning – signage needs to make students aware of this.
  - Students are in the Library more often and on weekends. The 1st year Expo brought students into the Library!

- Book reduction process
  - Will begin in January.
  - Books on the list for removal from the collection will be circulated to faculty, staff, and students. The Library has a rigorous criteria for which books are being nominated, and books will be available through partner libraries.
  - Better World Books will likely get the used books.
  - We have requested a list of categories for the November meeting and requested Ellen Seidel be invited for an update. Popular categories for the sale would be good candidates for us to include in our sale rather than sending to Better World Books.

5. Informational/Open Items

a. Book Cart

- The cart is in desperate need of good books – fiction, cookbooks, non-fiction.
- Ellen Marks will let the Library staff know, since they likely have books!

b. Econo Receipts (Mary)

- No update

c. Financial Audit

- No update

d. Gifts to the FVPL thank you letter process

- No update