

# FRIENDS OF THE WALKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY AGENDA

April 23, 2020

## INTRODUCTIONS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Friends Birthday:** This year the friends are celebrating 40 years of helping advocate for the Library! Here is to another 40 years!!!
- **National Volunteer Week:** Happy national volunteer week. Thank you for everything that you do for the Library. Without you it would not be possible.
- **National Library Week:** Happy Library Week to the Walker Memorial Library! We miss our Library being open and the staff. But we can still support our Library! Check out the website: <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/>
- **March and April Birthdays:**
- **Other Announcements....**

**Treasurer's Report & Membership** – Regina Rofe

**Secretary** – Luke Sorensen

**Library Update** – Rose Bebris

## OLD BUSINESS

**Annual Potluck Meeting:** It sounds like there was a lot of good food and fun! Thank you to all the Friends that brought in food and attended the meeting.

**American Journal Update:** Thank you Kelly Day for sending info into the American Journal about the Friends Scholarship!

**Basket in Bathrooms:** Thank you to Catholic Charities for donating hygiene items for the baskets

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Annual Meeting:** How do we want to handle this? The Library will probably not be holding any in person events until August or September, maybe even longer. Do we want to do a zoom meeting in May to elect the officers and vote on the scholarship? We could send out a surveymonkey or paper ballot for those who do not have access to zoom. Wait until September?

**Nomination of Officers:** Current executive board and office holders:

- Executive board: Kelly Day, Sondra Taylor, Joan Austin and Edna Flaherty
- Officers: President – Kerri Frazier, Vice President – Cathy Geren, Treasurer – Regina Rofe, Secretary – Luke Sorenson

**Bucks for Books Scholarship:** It has been posted in the American Journal, on the Friends website, Facebook and Instagram. Any other suggestions? No applications yet. If no applications this year, do we want to roll over the money to next year. The school is currently working on how to handle the award ceremony. Keep you posted.

**How do we support the Library During Covid-19:** Sadly, the majority of the library staff have been furloughed due to a million dollar short fall in the city budget. The city is currently developing the budget for next year and are unsure what the future budget will look like. Given covid-19 and social distancing, Rose has asked the friends to see if could help with some social distancing programming.

- Rose is wondering if Friends might be willing to lead book group meeting via zoom or another platform. Not necessarily discussing a specific book, but club discussing what each person is reading, great books to read in a certain subject?
- Other possible virtual programming:
  - I have reached out to Maine Cumberland Extension. It sounds like they have stuff in the works open that will be open to the general public for free. They will get back to me about maybe hosting a raising your backyard flock.
  - Center For Wildlife – are offering virtual program for \$150
  - Bess Jacques– open to just donating her time for a music night. She is reaching out to possible other Westbrook musicians to see if would like to participate.
  - Mary Brookings – open to offering art class over zoom for 10 library patrons for \$100
  - Erin Curren – open to doing a zoom Nia dance class for \$100. As many people who want to join. Nia dance is non-impact bare foot dance that combines moves from dance, martial arts and healing arts
  - Michael Shaughnessy – will check with some of his art students to see if might want to offer a class
  - Terry Foxx – nature journaling?

- Rachel from Broadway gardens – Broadway gardens does not have availability to do zoom. But she might be able to. She is going to get back to me
- Other ideas?

**Previously agreed funds agreed to be used:**

● Item	Cost
Tuning Piano (October)	\$100
Children’s Museum	\$150
Portland Art Museum	\$250 (paid recently)
Southworth Planetarium	\$75
Bucks for Bucks	\$300
Hygiene Baskets for Bathroom	\$120
Gift certificates for Staff for National Library Week	\$210 (\$10 daily grind for each staff)
Donation left over after purchase for Kitchen Youth Services	\$150
Donation by Tom for Center for Wildlife	\$250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1605</b>

Currently have ~ \$4530

**Children’s Books:** Julie Peterson has noted that schools are asking for donations of books to give out to kids. Do we want to give some of the books to Westbrook Schools? We have about 2 shelves and a bin of books. Books were slated for City Hall and Christmas.

**Re(a)d shelf at City Hall:**

- Shelf – Heard back from Michael Shaughnessy. The shelf is on hold until everything is open up again.
- Book Marks – Westbrook High School no longer has a printing shop. I reached out to Full Court Press. Would cost 140.84 for 2500 bookmarks 2" x 8"

**Book sale:** On Hold. If things are settled maybe start collecting books in August and aim for book sale in September or October? What do you think?

**Library Quilt made by Terry Foxx:** Last meeting sounds like we okayed idea of purchasing a rod to hang up the quilt. Anyone willing to figure out appropriate option?

**National Library Week:** On Hold. We agreed at the last meeting to purchase gift certificates for each of the staff for \$10 to daily grind. We were asked to hold onto this until after covid-19

**Read ME:**

**Donate online or pay at an event options:**

- Paypal – Online cost 2.2% + 0.30 per transaction. Does have a card reader cost 2.7% + 0.30 per transaction
- Donorbox- Free if collect less than \$1000. Additional Transaction cost - Strip 2.9% + 0.30, ACH Bank– 0.8%, Paypal 2.2% +0.30
- Donately – Online 4% platform fee. Partner with Paypal and stripe. Additional fees for these. 2.9% + 0.30
- Fundly – Online 4.9% platform fee. Transaction fee of 2.9% + 0.30
- Snowball – Free platform fee. Transaction fee of 2.9% + 0.30

- Qgiv – Free platform fee. Transaction fee 3.95% + 0.30
- Strip – card reader. Transaction 2.9% + 0.30
- Square – card reader. Transaction 2.6% + .10
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### **Other Ideas for the Library:**

Check out cool things that Hillsborough Library in Oregon has available for patrons: <https://www.hillsboro-oregon.gov/our-city/departments/library/borrow/library-of-things>

- Christmas Tree – Julie Peterson reports that the festival of Trees needs replacing. Old tree has been tossed.
- Telescope science corner stone modified for libraries – Kate Radke \$375
- Art Hanging Gallery system to display art and appropriate lighting
- Microscope
- Cooking utensil, cake pans, cookie cutters
- Tools
- Game console (play station or WII or Xbox)
- Instruments
- Game night
- Yoga
- Music night
- Other Ideas???

### **Other Fundraising:**

- Plant Sale
- Restaurant night
- Letter soliciting businesses

- 5k fun walk/race – Baxter and Bridgeton library
- Trivia night

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, May 21 5:30 to 630 pm???