

Putnam County Library Friends Meeting

August 17, 2010

Members present: Jim Hicks, Sue Pogue, Connie Albrecht, Elinor Ross, Pat Gilbreath, Brian Page, Judy Titsworth, Beth Thompson, Wanda Jared, Susan Capron, Pat Phillips.

Treasurer's Report (see attached). Current balance is \$3189.98. We have money to pay all our bills. Our current balance is \$526. We will have given more money in 2010 than ever before (around \$18,000).

Library Director's Report (Sue Pogue)

Sue Pogue is stepping down as interim director due to personal reasons on August 31. Brian and Dale will continue to keep the library running.

Sue reported lawsuit because of an incident last September regarding meeting room rental and alleged discrimination. Lawsuit has been turned over to County attorney Jeff Jones.

Brian Page (IT staff member) reported on status of three grants. USDA Grants for computer lab for Monterey. Stimulus Two Grant (we are matching at 30% match) for literacy computers in the children's library. Third grant is State Library Archives Tech grant will cover three computers.

Committee Reports:

School Contests (Pat Rottmund absent)

State FOTL Liaison (Wanda Jared). Wanda shared the Friends of Tennessee Libraries Newsletter. Upper Cumberland region is featured.

Publicity (Pat Gilbreath).

Newsletter (Elinor Ross). Elinor is collecting information and requested member labels from Brian and Sue. Elinor asked if we should include the achievement of the friends? Discussion was made to list all of 2010's accomplishments in the first newsletter of 2011. These accomplishments will also be sent to the newspaper.

Book Sale: (Joanne White absent). August sales total: \$1198 (July \$901) (June \$1009). Upper Cumberland Regional Library donated a bunch of books for the August book sale, which helped with revenue. Jim Hicks reported that the August 2010 sales revenue was the 2nd best sale for 2010.

Old Business:

Death by Chocolate. Our half of the proceeds amounted to \$1176.00. A lot of favorable comments were made about the event. Main complaint was the size of the room made it hard to hear.

Fall Author Dinner (Judy Titsworth). We have an author and contract in hand. Amy Greene is the author of several books. Her current book is *Bloodroot*, published by Random House. She is from East

Tennessee. The date is Friday, September 24, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's. There will be a booksigning from 8:30 to 9 p.m. Books-A-Million will sell the books. Judy is sending out a letter soliciting sponsors for the dinner. The sponsorship will include a free, autographed book, tickets to the dinner and a one-year membership to the library friends. Motion was made to set the ticket price at \$25.00 per ticket. Tickets on sale at the library front desk. Tickets will be on sale September 3 through Sept. 21. Connie will make the tickets. There will be a program given out at the dinner.

Judy needs a team of workers to set up and clean up after the dinner. Set up will be from 3 to 6 p.m.

PCL Director Search Update (Pat Phillips): search committee reviewed applications and chose 4 candidates (two men and two women). One candidate (man from Alabama) took ill and was not able to interview. Pat was disappointed because he had wonderful references. Committee met yesterday to discuss the top two candidates. The committee has a candidate to recommend to the library board today (Aug 17) at 4:30. Dr. Peter Lee is chair of the board.

Question was raised by Elinor whether we need to have a fall annual meeting. It was decided to make the meeting a "meet the new director" event. It will take place on Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting Date: September 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Capron, Secretary