August 4, 2021
Meeting Agenda- 7:00 in Library community room

Members present: Nancy Verduin, Bob Baker, Elizabeth Bray, Lennie Ambelang, Steve Autenrieth, Jerry Clark, Jose Borbolla, Skp Orza, Shura Arnold, Gladis Menare, Victoria Oliveira, Nancy Goguen, Lori Pakrul, Dan Lincoln, Alee Gunderson

President remarks- Nancy V.
Welcome/intro:
- Request to move meeting from the 1st to the 8th of September – will switch to the 8th if no issue with the library calendar.
- Lottery board together for Foundation non-event- Lennie
  Jill has the cork board
  Please give Lennie a donation of $5 to $10
  Pin on board (Sept)

Nominating- Nancy G.
Nomination: Elizabeth Bray Co Chair Finance
- Lori seconded nomination –
- Unanimous vote

Vice President Remarks- Vacant- no foundation meeting
- Foundation update (from email update from Leslie)
- Things are moving along/ invitations auction, mystery bags and publicity.
  - Still looking for a few more items for the Silent Auction like vacation home, round of golf etc.
  - We can also use some more $20+ bottles of wine for our Wine Pull.
  - Invitations will go out around Sept 15th which is the target for the Auction to go live.

Recording Secretary- Jay/Lennie
July Minutes- No corrections to July Minutes

Correspondence – Nancy G - No update

Treasurer’s report- Bob Baker
- See treasurer’s report
- We should hit out fundraising goals for the year

Library Update- Shura Arnold
- Meghan Darwin new youth services librarian – lots of new programs to come!
- Main library partnership going well, will need to rearrange tech services space to account for new use.
  Funding not likely needed this year, but likely 2022.
- More voluntary masking of patrons noticed in library. Not mandated at this time, but will continue to monitor with guidance.
- Plumbing issues that need to be addressed
Discussion regarding annual library needs for miscellaneous capital expenses (new chairs, furniture, etc to replace old, outdated) as well as 5 year plan and Foundation vs Friends role (interest on Blumenshein fund) in funding.

Meghan Darling –
  o Summer reading program launched with numbers surpassing 2020 open to all ages
  o Will be working on adding additional Summer programs as well as Fall programming.
  o Ice cream social update (see below)

Reports by committee chairs-

Programs- Dan/Pat

  • Ice cream social
    o Need to determine if indoor or outdoor (outdoor weather permitting)
    o Storyteller in the works – need confirmation from 1st choice, but Meghan has ideas for other storytellers. Will confirm for publications
    o Need six volunteers Mon. Aug 30th

  • Plan next concert – Sept
    o September 26th - Andy and Judy – folk group to test
    o October 17th start or end of National Friends week? - America’s Sweethearts
    o December 19th – possibly Holiday oriented – (handbells or classical – Mikayla McClain)
    o If goodies are donated – will keep in mind to have treats individually wrapped

  • Movie series- dates/volunteers (1 per movie)
    o Friends agree to renew both licenses.
    o Movies will be shown on the 3rd Friday of the month beginning in October. (10/15, 11/19 and 12/17) This should help with holiday switches.
    o Start time is moving to 1PM.
    o Movies TBD. Suggestions welcome.
    o Shura agreed that library staff will set up the projector. The Friends should be available for chair set up. Not much work, maybe a dozen seats. Will need another volunteer or two to attend movies. (Nancy V., Jose, Alee)
    o Recommend stopping the water and snacks - at least for this year. Most attendees were bringing their own water bottle and not that many took the snacks

Public Relations- Gladis and Jose

  • Plan for National Friends Week
  • Concert
  • Movie
  • Staff thank you that week?
  • Book Mark- end of August
  • Next article end of August outlining events – Nancy will complete

Fundraising- Debbie / vacant

  • Campaign task force draft letter attached
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Please send any edits to Nancy by next meeting
- Still looking for sponsors if you know anyone

Finance- Elizabeth
- Review of investment guidelines and current investments
- Budget planning for next year to occur soon

Volunteer Recognition- Lori
- Goodies for the staff or plan staff event – looking for more ideas (22 staff)
- What can we do for volunteers/staff? Still holding off due to COVID concerns will continuously evaluate. Look at something a little more substantial for October (friend’s week)
- Prior luncheon budget approximately $550 – maybe utilize in other way?

Public Comments
Board of Trustees- Skip
- Working on Survey to determining what needs/changes the community sees as necessary to help develop long term plan by year’s end
  Foundation- Leslie

Old Business/new business- None

Adjourned 8:05pm

Next board of Directors: September 1, 2021 – moved to Sept. 8th if no objections.