

Friends of the West Haven Library – Meeting Minutes: 2/4/20

In attendance: Colleen Bailie, Catherine Bushman, Pat Donnelly, Maureen Ulsamer, Sue Bonci, Joan Dorfer, Ben Martin, Alan Olenick, Kathy St. Clair, Kymberlee Powe, Angela Invernale

- Membership: \$1102 from July 1st to present; 44 viable members have either joined or renewed Friends membership. Website has two options for membership—one-time payment or recurring (Friends fees will be automatically taken out of the account each year). Alan and Ben will relay PayPal membership signup to Catherine monthly.
- Elm City Girls' Choir fundraiser at WHHS: Friends website has button to purchase tickets. People selling tickets at the door will need to know the names of people who purchase tickets via website. Tickets will be \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Young children are free with parent ticket—we will write the number of total people on back of parent ticket for accurate head count. Ticket sales are to be split with choir. Lawn signs with arrows will be posted to direct people to WHHS new entrance. Currently we have 7 sponsors for this fundraiser. Friends decided to use program for event as a thank you to sponsors, including the blurb from Choir's website, as well as info about the Friends and how to join.
- Director's Report: Rotary Club auction/paddle raise to be held April 25th, will not conflict with book sale as it begins after book sale ends. Alan will speak on behalf of the Friends, encouraging people to sign up. Colleen has been in touch with EveryLibrary, a non-profit organization that helps secure funding and advocate for libraries. We have lawn sign for people who wish the display them. We need the names/addresses of influential people in town (educators, churches, local business owners, etc.) who might be willing to speak on the libraries' behalf. VIA Annual Appeal to go out soon—similar to last year but a bit more positive. VIA put a bid in on the building that houses our LP branch in Allingtown. No further details are available, so the budget request will no include maintenance for LP.
- Texas Roadhouse fundraiser raised a total of \$436 for the library (not Friends). Once we elect a treasurer, similar fundraisers can/will be held to benefit the Friends. Pictures and social media interaction will be encouraged more strongly next time.
- Museum passes—SeaQuest in Trumbull?
- Trivia Night: Blue Horse suggested as a potentially better venue for trivia than JR's due to how it is set up. Kym wants to plan trivia; perhaps becoming new VP of Special Events. Mary Melenda on the board agreed to help with trivia as well.
- Alan can be appointed over nominating committee. Friends still need a treasurer—if Ben could do it that would be great but issues of insurance were raised.
- Looking into a credit card reader for phones to possibly be used at the book sale (someone who knows how to use reader would have to be present).
- Annual Luncheon to be held April 17th 12p-2p. A folder (physical or digital) with detailed supply list and headcount should be kept to be passed down for future luncheons.
- Funding requests: \$69.40 for Eid al Fitr children's program; \$150 for Graham room story time supplies and toys for the children's dept—both approved by Friends.

Nest Friends meeting Tuesday April 7th, 2020

6pm Connie Sacco Room