

FRIENDS OF THE JAMES E. BROOKS LIBRARY MINUTES, JAN. 24, 2022

Present: Bob Hickey, Ronda Patrick, Gary Bartlett, Joe Powell, Andy Piacsek, Carol Findlay, Zaire Eltayeb, Maureen Rust

--Ronda moved that we approve the Sept. minutes; Gary seconded. They were unanimously approved.

--Carol suggested a correction to the meeting schedule on the agenda: change it from "Monday, April 26" to "Monday, April 25". This was just a typo correction, we didn't change the day.

--Bob reported on the book sale which was a record high. He said the last of the boxed books have been sorted and put on the shelves; that Carol has been sorting some of the unorganized books on the shelves. He suggested it was time to move them to their new location because the boxes are gone. However, we are not sure when that might happen (hopefully by end of winter – post meeting info). Carol suggested that we use a "sandwich board" to put outside the booksale so that more people might be drawn in. In the October wind, it has to be heavy-duty. It was also suggested that we need to redo the topic headings at the ends of the book carts because many have been torn off and some need to be updated (as we work, these can always be handwritten in by whomever is working there). Maureen will work with Andy to replace them. The card reader was a big help this year and accounted for over half of the sales.

--Bob announced that Bob and Mary Jones donated \$3,500 to the endowment fund.

- Bob (and a few others) talked about Jokalokafloð – it was thought to be a success, and that we should do it again next year.

--Ronda gave the financial report: The endowment fund is now at \$320,202, and we've had a good year with the investments. The deposit from the booksale was \$2,460 to our spending fund. There was a donation in stocks from Nancy Wallace Treibel of \$16,715.25 to the endowment. Typically, four percent of the endowment is donated to the Dean of the library; this year \$8,562 was allotted to the Dean. There is an administrative fee (\$2,916) for handling the investment. Ronda suggested we find some good projects to donate money to.

--Gary announced that the finals week pizza event went well, that we ordered the right amount to give away; all the boxes were eventually empty. Carol noted that she was thanked by a number of students who were running out of money and really appreciated this meal during finals.

--Maureen discussed the schedule of events at the library in the coming months and quarter. They centered on trauma and mental health; "Research Smartz" is a program to help students with study strategies and keeping track of their own research; the book *The Body Keeps The Score* by Bessel Van Der Kolk will be featured, and he will be involved in an event; student veterans will have an event that will center on Tim O'Brien's *If I Die in a Combat Zone*.

--Bob discussed board membership and the need to get three new members because Jerry Brong, Ronda Brooks Patrick (she is term-limited), and Peggy Morache will need replacements. Zaire Eltayeb, our student board member, is willing to serve on the board

another year. The last time we needed members people on campus were asked to write a paragraph about why they'd like to be on the board. We seem to have enough community people, so we need to find more from Central, especially from the English department because of the connection with the Lion Rock reading series. Joe Powell has offered to make contact with the English department about possible candidates. Maureen will talk to Elizabeth – whom we haven't seen in awhile.

--Bob discussed future fundraising opportunities, saying that Covid has rather shut down options at this time. We will continue with the booksale and Jolabokaflo, but are now in maintenance mode. We briefly discussed the idea of a scavenger hunt in the library.

--The meeting was adjourned.