

FRIENDS OF THE HUGHSON LIBRARY

January 7, 2016

President Joan House called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Those present: our librarian, Heather Bailey, Linda Berck, Joan House, Jean Henley, Shelley Tucker, Margaret Rodgers, Rebekah Maraccini, Vicki Fontana and Joan Russo.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Linda Berck, Secretary, read the minutes of November 5, 2015. They were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Viki reported self help was \$44.00 for November, Heather was reimbursed \$78.93 for crafts and supplies, \$100.00 for Christmas Basket donation, \$9.00 for mailing supplies and \$25.00 for new checks. Vicki says that a filing fee of \$20.00 was paid for filing as a Domestic Non-Profit Corp. There was no activity in December. The Years total for self-serve was \$628.71 and memberships totalled \$525.00. Expenses were \$746.19. Our balance as of December 31, 2015 is \$4,371.99. Treasurers report was approved as read.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Heather says that crafts are popular and there are about 8 patrons attending on a regular basis. She had a snowball guessing contest, putting a bunch of cotton balls in a jar. The winner received a certificate for the Pizza Factory left over from the Summer Reading Program. This year the theme will be sports. Heather told us that she will have a booth at the Fruit and Nut Festival this year. We agreed to join with her to promote memberships and help with games and pass out prizes. The festival is planned for April 30th and May 1st this year.

OLD BUSINESS: Margaret said that it was very rewarding to collect and donate books for children and put them in the Christmas Baskets. We had a total of 265 books to distribute. She and Linda delivered the books and were delighted that the volunteers there would put them in the appropriate boxes when the gifts were put in the baskets. The books were already sorted according to ages. It was agreed that we should do it again next year as everyone enjoyed gathering the books. The Dollar Store is quite popular with us as Heather goes there to get craft supplies.

NEW BUSINESS: Linda brought the membership renewal letters for 2016 and showed how different forms are sent to Life members than members giving yearly donations. Rebekah volunteered to help with addressing and stuffing the envelopes. They decided to meet on Jan. 12th at 2PM before crafts. Linda also had a new list of members and compared with Joan's paid members. It was agreed that members were not deleted if they forget to pay sometimes.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Berck, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Thursday March 3, 2016 at 5PM at the Library