

**MINUTES**  
**Friends of Seymour Public Library District**  
**MEETING**

**6:00 PM-June 19, 2013**

**Seymour Public Library**

**Present:** Anne Mlod, President; John Kingsley, Vice-President; Marcia Walsh, Treasurer; Katie Latanyshyn, Secretary; Lisa Carr, Library Director; Danette Davis, Library Liaison; Barbara Stith, Library PR Coordinator; Leigh Romano, Programming Librarian; Patsy Myers Hayes; Terri and Bart Wasilenko; Jean Ferguson; Ginny Battista.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was presented by Marcia. As of June 17, 2013, there is a total of \$543.05 in the savings account, and \$2130.62 in the checking account, for a total of \$2673.67. Anne moved to accept the report, and Katie seconded. The report is on file with Katie.

**Membership:** Marcia presented the membership report. The membership renewal form was revised and is still open for changes before it is sent again for September renewals. 12 renewal forms were sent out with the June newsletter; to date, 4 have been returned. We have also had 3 new members join, for a total membership of 82.

**Report from the Library:** Danette provided information on the summer reading programs happening at Seymour Library. In addition to programs done by the library, the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse will be doing programs for children in line with their summer reading theme, "Dig into Reading." Danette also provided information on updates for shifting materials in the library. Leigh Romano was also introduced as the new programming librarian.

**Library Board:** There is no Trustee Liaison report.

## **New Business**

1. The Friends board will be in attendance for a joint meeting of all library boards on Thursday, June 27, 2013. For the reception, Marcia will contact a Friends member who has recently joined and expressed interest in helping with receptions and events if she would be interested in providing some refreshments for the event. We unanimously determined that the Friends board would pay for refreshments at this event, and an estimate of \$50 was proposed for this expense. John moved and Marcia accepted.
2. Anne has begun setting up the Friends of Seymour Library website. She has also set up an email account for the Friends group, which is [seymourlibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:seymourlibraryfriends@gmail.com). Barbara will update the Seymour Library website so there is a link to the Friends' website.
3. The program at Cosentino's was discussed, and Anne will contact them to reserve a date.
4. Terri and Bart Wasilenko spoke to discuss the possibility of doing a joint program with the library, the Seward House, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in October. John will coordinate this program with the Seward House and NAMI, and Seymour Library will be the venue for this event. The possibility of hosting a raffle or donations table was discussed.
5. The Elderberry Pond event was discussed as a possible fundraiser for October. Anne will provide more information at the next meeting.
6. Lisa proposed a fundraiser she would be interested in having the Friends take on. This would involve a holiday tree decorating contest. She will provide more information to Katie, who will look into the program and have more information to present at the next meeting.
7. Activities for Library Card Sign-Up Month (September) were discussed, and Lisa will contact Ginny Kent to see if there is something the Friends can coordinate.
8. Other activities and future fundraisers were brought up, including the bus trip to Washington from Sept. 20-Sept.22, an event hosted by or for IGNITE, and inviting Thomas Craughwell to speak. These will be further discussed at the next meeting.

We adjourned at 6:50. Marcia moved and John accepted. The motion was unanimously approved. Next meeting: July 17, 2013 at 6 PM.