

Friends Meeting 3/5/2024

Meeting opened at 6:30, President Beth Plas welcoming 11 in attendance. The Community Room was not available for our meeting so we convened in the first floor reading area.

Minutes were not available.

Membership Report: 83 members and 13 golden members.

Treasurer Report: Operating Account beginning balance \$7588.65 on 2/6/2024. After expenses, ending balance was \$8010.42. RBTW Balance: \$20,160.87 and CD Balance: \$10,042.43.

Book Sale Report

Rita advised that there will be a raffle basket with a picnic theme. Donations would be welcome.

The spring sale dates are May 6-10, 2024 with setup Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4. Rita Thompson will serve as the sale Co-Chair with Sharon O'Neil.

Director Report

Adele announced there will be a Shaping our Future Together library planning meeting on Mar 11 from 5-7pm. They are focusing specific groups at these meetings to get community input.

The Volunteer Breakfast is scheduled for Mar 9 at 9am.

The Library will close the day of the eclipse in April.

Trustee Report

No Trustees were in attendance.

Old Business

New Business

The office of Vice President is open since Kathy Hyle is stepping down.

A retirement thank you party is scheduled for April 30 at 6pm. Light refreshments will be served. It was suggested that a leaf on the Library Giving Tree be donated in permanent recognition of Kathy's service. We will solicit donations toward the purchase of a \$250 level leaf.

Further discussion was held on GMPL Express ideas for 2024:

Tour of local libraries (Westlake, Avon Lake)

Revisit Maltz Museum

Lakeview Cemetery

Cleveland Public Library

Presidents Homes

Holden Arboretum

The Board will explore opportunities with each entity and report back at the April meeting. Our transportation limos are available at limited times/days, so trips have to be coordinated with Scott.

Next meeting will be held April 2, 2024

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm