

Friends of the Willmar Public Library

Annual meeting

Jan. 25, 2023

Present: Jeni Ritz, president; Sharyl Helgeson, past president; Anne Polta, secretary; Deb Paterson, treasurer; Bill Paterson; Vicki Melbye.

Staff: Andrew Bregar, head librarian; Maida Berg, adult services librarian.

Public: Melanie Lady, Susan Mattson, Sandra Gardner.

The meeting was called to order by Jeni and introductions were made. Motion by Sharyl, second by Bill, to approve the minutes of the 2022 annual meeting. Motion carried.

Library staff reported on activities in 2022. Money from the Friends was used to support a variety of programs and prizes, particularly the summer reading program. Participation in 2022 has rebounded above pre-pandemic levels in 2019. Financial support from the Friends fundraising mail appeal in the fall of 2022 has enabled the library to move forward on development of a maker space in the former genealogy room. Furniture and a 3-D printer have been selected for future purchase. This was the first time the Friends have raised funds targeted to a specific need at the library.

Jeni gave a year-in-review report on Friends activities in 2022.

Vicki reported that Wisdom and Wine will be using a consultant to secure authors for the 2023 event, which is scheduled for June 8.

A resolution was presented to make a 4 percent allocation, or \$3,275, to the Willmar Public Library, supporting programs and activities in 2023. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

The year-end financial report was presented, Motion by Vicki, second by Sharyl, to approve. Motion carried.

The year-end financial report for Wisdom and Wine was presented. Motion by Bill, second by Sharyl, to approve. Motion carried.

Jeni discussed the president's main goal for 2023 to encourage more volunteer involvement and recruit more members at large to serve on the board.

The slate of officers for 2023 was presented as follows: Jeni Ritz, president; Anne Polta, secretary; Deb Paterson, treasurer; Bill Paterson and Vicki Melbye, at large. Interest was expressed from the floor to add Sandra Gardner as a board member at large. Motion by Vicki, second by Sharyl, to adopt the amended slate of nominees. Motion carried. Sharyl was thanked for her service on the board and her work with policy and bylaws.

There being no further business, there was a motion by Vicki, second by Sharyl, to adjourn the annual meeting. Motion carried. Annual meeting documents will be posted online under the Friends section on the Willmar Public Library website.

Anne Polta, secretary