



CLEVELAND COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

BOARD MINUTES

DECEMBER 7, 2021

Present for our final meeting of 2021 were Jann Ford, Sheara Miller, Betsy Jones, Kay Harvell, Emily Yelton, Miriam Ash-Jones, Roger Harris, Wright Adams, Rebecca Higgins and Betty Blanton.

Jann called the meeting to order and introduced our newest member, John Button.

The minutes from November were approved.

Jann presented the treasurer's report showing an ending balance of \$15,493.53. During the past month a \$5000.00 donation was made to the library and tote bags were purchased for \$800.97.

Jann and Betty reported the fall book sale was a success earning \$1,728.50. We were also able to donate books which haven't sold for several years to the local Salvation Army.

Membership chairperson, Betsy, said a large mailing will go out in January. There will also be a membership drive letter in our next newsletter as well. We also discussed upping the price of membership for 2023 beginning next October.

After much discussion we agreed to try and schedule our Annual Meeting for the last week in April, possibly April 26th or 28th. Appropriate contacts will be made.

Jann shared our new tote bags which everyone liked. Wright has offered to donate cups for the Friends to sell for \$2.00. He also made suggestions for other promotional items. Thanks Wright!

Wright handed out the Report on The Makerspace Grant from the Blanton Foundation. He highlighted several sections including the importance of programming, mission and vision statements, as well as strategic directions. He ended his presentation suggesting that programming increases participation which in turn increases circulation.

Rebecca, in her opinion, felt it was important to remember that one of the library's priorities should be to provide books to the public.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Blanton