

Minutes- Friends of the O'Fallon Library
September 11, 2018

The September 11, 2018 meeting of the Friends of the O'Fallon Library was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by president Ann Sullivan. Eleven members were present.

Minutes from May 8, 2018 meeting were approved.

Harriet Baker presented the Treasurer's report.

Ryan Johnson provided information on how recent Friends donations were used. Among the items purchased were a printer, computer, bike rack, and conference table. Ryan also demonstrated a telescope which he borrowed from the Edwardsville library. The O'Fallon library is interested in purchasing 2 or 3 telescopes to have available for patrons to check out. The units cost about \$400 each and have proven to be very popular at other local libraries. The telescopes would be restricted to O'Fallon library patrons only. The Friends present thought this was an exciting project.

Ryan also said the library was looking at purchasing "hot spots" from a local provider which could be checked out by patrons for a short period of time. This program has proven popular at the Belleville library. Details need to be worked out—monthly rate, check out periods and such. The Friends thought this was worthwhile pursuing.

Ann Morey reported on the May Blow-Out Book Sale. On the final day of the sale, bags were available for a donation. This proved to be profitable and something that we should do at future book sales.

Suzanne Rupright brought up the issue of temporary storage for the many donated books we currently have. Possible solutions were discussed as well as cost and difficulties transporting books to and from the library and storage facility. The optimum solution, a temporary shed on site at the library was not approved by the O'Fallon Library Board. No decision was made at this time.

Suzanne also discussed the Amazon's Professional Selling Plan for books sales on line. Although the Friends would incur a monthly fee of about \$40 there are numerous benefits to be gained. Suzanne made a motion that

ATTENDEES

Kathleen Mongiovi
Ray Farmer
Eloise Cohoon
Diane Zelinske
Greg Zelinske
Suzanne Rupright
Ryan Johnson
Ann Sullivan
Ann Morey
Glenda Young
Harriet Baker