

President John Cotton opened the meeting at 10:03 AM. Roll Call per sign-in sheet on file.

Secretary & Treasurer Reports - Financial Report to-date was read. Financial Report Approved as read. December minutes approved as read. 2016 YTD Budget distributed for review.

Director's Report – Selina Gomez-Belosz

All Library staff are preparing to integrate a new library computer systems (catalogue, circulation, etc.). The system will have a different website view. There will be an optional view to track your personal checkout history, plus the ability to setup personal alerts and notices via text or email.

The James C. Conlon Literacy Center is being painted today. New sign letters and furnishings will arrive shortly. The Adult Learning Center will begin operations in the library the week of January 23rd. The new Out-Reach Services Library van is here (and parked in the back). It will be wrapped for marketing. It will not be something patrons can enter. The van will be used for delivery of prepared library materials, community events, mobile circulation and festival activities. There will be some library services, but not a 'book mobile'. A grand opening celebration is being planned for Friday March 10th.

Director Selina is going to a library conference in Atlanta. All presidents of library organizations will be part of a MLK sunrise service that will be televised on Sunday 1/22/17. She will be presenting an award to authors that target the Latino / Hispanic culture.

There will be no Mini golf this year. The Library has decided to skip every other year to keep interest and attendance high.

Staff In-service is March 17th at the Winfield Library.

Communication's Report - Laura Clemons

City sculpture contest completed and names were picked. Winners will be announced at 2/6/17 City Council Meeting. If you would like to go get in touch with Laura. Meeting usually at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers. Laura distributed Library Newsletters,

Chicago Harpist Nichole Luchs will provide entertainment at the Friends Open House. 5-7 pm on 3/22/2017. Light Appetizers and desserts will be served.

Friends sponsored the State pamphlet project for the Indiana Bi-Centennial Commission. Pamphlets are now available, '200 Facts about Crown Point'.

The 8th annual Volunteer Fair is Saturday March 4th from 10-3. The Friends have been registered for this. Have handouts from last year. Laura will order balloons. Can usually setup as early as 8AM with assistance from the HS volunteers. Requested that we are not next to the dogs, and have asked for electric. We will be promoting the Open House at this event. This event is hosted by the Crown Point Community Foundation. This is a volunteer 'marketing' event for those interested in volunteering to find out about not-for-profit organizations in our community. An opportunity to make everyone aware of our organization. We use our spinning wheel to highlight the Library. Laura will print extra of the Bi-Centennial pamphlets for distribution.

No one ordered logo wear. Laura ordered a few pieces for us to look at.

Upcoming Volunteers

The 8th annual Volunteer Fair is Saturday March 4th from 10-3. The Friends have been registered for this and need to volunteer to setup, ambassador and take down the booth.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon Monday January 23rd. 10AM arrive to help. Vicky will purchase everything per budget and manage the event. Plan for 40. Serve lunch between noon and 3. It will be a salad buffet.

Winter String Concert. Music Program Monday January 23rd. 6PM Will need ambassador volunteers.

Funding Request None

Program Committee

Open House March 22nd

Literacy Luncheons May 13th and Nov 11th

Book Fair April 27th and April 28 (no Saturday) Setup before and tear-down immediately after.

Habitat will pick up the extras

Unfinished Business None

Book Sales As per treasurer report.

Trips No current plans

New Business

2PM today Doctor Heather Harder speaking on stress and meditation.

January 11th Red Cross Blood Drive. 2:30 – 6:30. Just show up if you want to volunteer.

Contact Cynthia Ogorek Public Historian for the Nov 11th luncheon www.centerofknownhistory.com
sealuna@juno.com 706-962-8662.

Adjourned – 10:50 1st Camille and 2nd Donna. Approved

Officers in attendance: John Cotton, Donna Hill, Carol Bangsberg, Donna Salveggi

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Kendall