

Friends of the Milton Library
Monthly Business Meeting
Milton, FL 32570
August 13, 2009

Quorum present.

Meeting was called to Order and everyone welcomed by the President, Bill DuBois. Hunter Walker, County Administrator and DeVann Cook, Human Resources and Risk Management were introduced and each spoke briefly.

Minutes – Motion by Ned and seconded by Harvey to accept minutes without corrections. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mitzi said the book store sold about \$260 worth of books, etc. for the month of July. Motion by Harvey and seconded by Ned to accept report. Motion passed.

Gwen Wilson Milton Library Manager – Gwen thanked the Friends for helping to get new library furniture (shelving). She reported that the patrons were very impressed.

Linda Hendrix, Director Santa Rosa County Library System – Linda reported that the staff cleaned up the collection and worked hard to put together a balanced collection for the patrons. There will be a library budget cut next year. Staff and collection make up 90% of budget and the system is losing 25% of the collection budget and 12% of the staff budget next year. Student helpers are not being rehired. The staff has been asked to volunteer to reduce their weekly hours to prevent layoffs. There were enough employees who volunteered to reduce work hours each week to keep anyone from losing their job. Friends of the Library groups will be asked to supplement the collection budget next year.

Santa Rosa County Library Foundation will have a book sale in February, 2010.

Book Store – It has been open the month of July and half of August five days a week. Friends need to look at increasing sales, days open each week, hours open each day, and one or two people working each day. It was decided to wait to make any changes until the library hours are set for next year. The September book store calendar is set.

Merchandise – Tee-shirts and book bags were discussed. Also, a logo and name for book store were discussed. Logo and name for book store must be approved by County Commissioners. The consensus was to wait until September meeting to discuss a name for the book store.

Fall Book Sale Oct. 9th & 10th – Book Sale Chairman reported that there are not enough books in inventory to host a book sale. What do we want to do? Place signs in library stating that we are accepting donations. Look at possibly having a smaller sale this fall.

Monthly Meeting Day – We will discuss changing the meeting day after library hours and days open have been set.

Adjourned. Motion by Leslie and seconded by Ned.

Gloria Cook, Secretary