

Friends of the Kingman Public Library

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We would like to thank all of you that renewed your membership in the Friends so promptly and generously. We appreciate your continued support.

If there is a membership envelope attached to this newsletter, it means that we have not yet received your renewal. Why not take a few minutes now to get that in the mail? The Friends contribute to making our public library better by supply funds for items and programs outside the normal library budget. Every members money is needed and appreciated.



Thank you so much for your participation in our recent book sales. At our May sale we made \$2800. In fact, our past few book sales have been so successful that we are running out of books!



As you are a recognized book lover, and as book lovers traditionally have many books, is there any chance that you might make a special effort to

clean off your shelves, your office, garage etc., and bring in those books you no

longer want to the library?

Attached to this newsletter, you will find several small reminder cards to donate books to our organization. Would it be possible for you to give these to any of your friends that you think might help us out?

Or how about just stopping at any garage sale in your area and leaving them a card? We can even arrange for pick up. Just call Karla Kay at 716-0656 and she will take care of that.

Also, if you can think of any other way for us to pursue obtaining more used books, magazines, audio books, etc, please call Karla. The more minds on this problem, the better the solutions!

We would like to welcome the folks listed below to our Friends organization.



Debra Ayres	Lorraine Caldwell
Lorna Gabby	Jim Gunton
H&H Printers	Norma Young
Ann Liby	Carolyn Pyles
Julia Selleck	Ross Wright

Rosalie Zimmerman
Mary Ann Chwaszczewski

Our Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 16. The minutes of last years meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Jim Hudson gave the Treasures report. We had a very good year since our book sales earned almost \$4800 more than we had anticipated. Our book cart sales were also up \$600. As usual, some of our line items were over budget and some under, but we operated in the black as a whole.



It was agreed to do away with a separate budget report for the City Grant Money and to show those funds as part of our book money on the regular budget report. We will still keep a separate checking account, however, so that we can have proper documentation for the city.

The budget for 2005-2006 was presented and approved (see next column).

We are still selling our Friends of the Library book bags. We order about 72 bags a year and earn \$1.20 on each.

Sharon Schwartzlose requested the board consider purchasing a few more tables for the book sales. She feels getting the books off the ground and making it more comfortable for people to browse, has contributed to our increase in sales.

The Friends presented the library with a check for \$4000 to be used to upgrade the libraries computers.

A slate of officers was presented and unanimously elected. The new board is:

- Tami Belcher - President
- Jo Deal - 1st Vice President
- Jim Gunton - 2nd Vice President
- Jim Hudson - Treasurer
- Karla Kay - Secretary
- Irv Lubin - Board Member at Large

Lynn Dailey expressed appreciation for all that the Friends do to help improve the library.

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned.



Friends of the Kingman Library
Budget for 2005-2006



INCOME

Residual Funds	\$5000
Used Books Sales	9000
Book Cart	3200
Membership	850
Lady Eagles	100
Interest	100
Special Projects	150
City Grant	<u>5000*</u>

Total **\$23,400**

DEBITS

Books for Babies	\$1200
General Programs	1300
Books	7250
Children/Intermediate/YA	
Adult Books-Reference	
Large Print	
Library Furniture	6000
Magazines	300
Newsletter	250
Operating expenses	400
Computer Upgrades	4000
Friends Festival	1000
Special Projects	1000
Advertising	550
Misc.	<u>150</u>

Total **\$23,400**

*We hope to continue to receive \$10,000 from the City, but we have not gotten any definite word from the new administration.

The Friends Festival was scheduled for April 16, but we only had 11 people from all of the Friends groups in the county sign up. The decision was therefore made to cancel the Festival. Approximately \$350 dollars was spent prior to the cancellation.

Of course, all those who registered did receive a refund. County Library Director Bonnie Campbell will look into the possibility of canceling these festivals all together due to lack of interest.

Report from the Librarian

We are grateful to the Friends of the Library for all the furniture, computer, and book money we have received this year. We have purchased one single and four double computer desks, a desk and bookcases for the new circulation area, an end-of-range book display case, and a table for the microwave in the staff lounge and of course, books!

Mike has upgraded all the public computers so they are all alike. He has also upgraded two wireless computers in the Program Room and will be working on the other three as time permits.



The library has a new reservation system for using the computers. Patrons will be able to reserve use time on the computers to accommodate their personal schedules. Reservations may be made at the library on a reservation computer up to one week in advance.



The theme of this years Summer Reading Program is Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds-Joust Read. It begins on Friday, June 10th and runs through Friday, July 2nd. There are calendars available at the circulation desk showing all the summer reading programs being offered.

**Next Book Sale
September 2nd & 3rd**

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