

- I. Call to Order
- II. Treasurer's Report

Lajeane said we had about \$17,000 in the account, plus the most recent infusion of Monopoly money.

- III. Old Business
 - a. T-Shirts/Swag

Natalie said that David had found an online vendor for shirts, although she did not have any information about cost. David's suggestion was to have shirts on display at the library, with a link for patrons to be able to order more online. Donna wondered about having more physical shirts on hand for impulse buys the opening.

We can make final decisions at the next meeting.

- b. Monopoly Update – with Steve!

Steve Skeet was on hand to answer questions about the monopoly game.

- c. Trifold Approval

The Friends trifold flyer was approved. An additional photo was taken at the end of the meeting to replace the existing tour photo. Max stressed that the tri-fold could be a living document, and that can constantly apply changes and iterations to it.

- d. Raffle Update

Friends signed up for dates for the remaining home basketball games to sell raffle tickets. Additionally, Patty Szini has put together a Chief's raffle basket to raise money for the friends. (So far, the Chief's basket has raised over \$200!)

- e. Grand Opening

The Grand Opening event for the library is March 28th. The Friends had previously been brainstorming about what to do for the event. At the meeting, we settled on the idea of providing cake for the attendees, and also floated the possibility of food trucks at the event. (Could the Friends possibly get a cut?)

In the intervening time, Max investigated food trucks, and concluded that we are unlikely to have enough attendees make a food truck financially viable. (The vendor I spoke to was looking for around 800 attendees, and we're expecting around 150. Remember, the grand opening event occurs after the library has been open and running for over three weeks!) I will bring cake quotes to the next meeting.

- IV. New Business
 - a. Arts Council

David was not on hand to discuss the Tonganoxie Arts Council, so we tabled the item and will return to it next meeting.

b. Programming Funds – with Susan!

Susan Ibarra, event programmer, made a case for the Friends to invest in adult art supplies for the library. She brought out the aprons she's currently using for painting class, which are designed for toddlers. She wanted to run a series of adult painting classes but is hampered by the lack of supplies. She asked the Friends for \$975, which would cover the cost of art events until the end of the year. \$500 of that cost are fixed-start up costs for supplies like adult aprons, easels, etc.

The Friends voted to approve \$975 of art supply costs, contingent upon there being enough money on the account.

c. Coffee Bar

Nicole Holifield and Kate Frick of Myers Hotel Bar were on hand to talk about the possibility of the Friends purchasing coffee equipment for the new library to have a coffee bar. The equipment, which costs around \$2500, would be sold to the Friends at half-price. Additionally, Kate would make herself available to train volunteers on how to use it. The Friends would then be able to sell coffee at a café at the new library, which could be added to their coffers.

Friends had questions about who would actually be able to run the coffee bar, since staff would not be able to do it. Nicole suggested the possibility of high school volunteers or a collaboration with Pathways.

Max said that this was a lot of information to absorb at once, and made clear that the Friends of the Library would not be making any kind of vote tonight. Friends were given handouts, and encouraged to mull over the pros and cons for future discussion. Nicole also stressed that this project was in no way meant to coincide with the opening of the new library. We have time to think about it!

V. Adjournment

Nicole gave us a tour of the new library, save for the storage room which was mysteriously locked!