Carrie: welcome Priscilla Fort as new chair of Friends

June 9 meeting minutes: approved

Friends Report, Priscilla:
- Friends does and will provide funding for new sign, newsletter, website hosting (Richard takes care of updating website), equipment on loan, technology equipment
- No bake sale this year

Garden
- Isabelle no longer in charge of garden, Friends’ responsibility
- Laura and Colleen volunteered to coordinate volunteers to help with garden projects
- Paths are cared for separately

Librarian report, Melissa:
- Great summer, 8 children through reading program over 20 gift certificates
- Colleen hosted summer story time, some crafts
- Parents have requested fall and winter story time
  - Colleen is willing to host twice a month, programming committee will decide on a plan
- National Digital Equity Center – computer classes - different classes and levels, instructor is online, students on site, Richard is facilitator

Strategic Plan
- suggestion to present to community
- Friends were impressed by the plan
- offer it on site and with Zoom
- each committee will have a representative present, let Melissa know who will be presenting for each committee
- scheduled for October 6, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at ALP Library
- Melissa will coordinate prep meetings for presentation with each committee
- hopefully everyone will stay on the same committee to continue working on goals
- advertise the presentation through flyers (Melissa), monthly insert in town mailing, website, FB, sandwich board at ALP Library, and word of mouth announcements at upcoming meetings

Book sale
- a lot of books, question if there were too many
- tent and location worked well
• discussed limiting to three days next year – Sat, Sun, Mon, decision was that having it longer over two weekends is effective, more volunteers needed next year
• donations totaled $3500
• over 800 visitors to the library in July not counting people attending the book sale
  o Programming
    ▪ Little Free Library boxes for books – scouts could help with project
    ▪ Melissa will get permission to put out
  o Outreach to school
    ▪ Melissa spoke with several teachers about bringing students to the library
    ▪ vans are available for teacher to use
    ▪ scheduling may be the challenge
    ▪ suggested having a presentation at the school
    ▪ Lauren and/or Colleen volunteered to help Melissa talk about involving student in managing the youth section
    ▪ avoid the community service requirement to focus on a fun project
  o Maker Space Workshop
    ▪ Melissa has signed up for this and would like someone to take the lead
    ▪ Lauren and Laura may also attend
  o Crossover between marketing and programming
    ▪ Work on getting ideas into the school, circle, multiple presentations targeted to groups, communications plan
• 2022 Wish List for funding from the Friends of ALP Library - attached

Next Meeting 11/10 @ 9 a.m. Wednesday in person at ALP Library

Meeting adjourned 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Demchur-Merry