

Friends of the Caseyville Library
February 14, 2019

Our very first meeting was held on 2/14/19. We went over the mission statement, by-laws, officers/chair people, fundraisers, and goals.

Here is the Mission Statement: [We welcome and support all people in their enjoyment of reading and pursuit of lifelong learning. Working together we strive to provide equal access to information, ideas and knowledge through books, programs and other resources. We believe in the freedom to read, to learn, to discover. Through membership and fundraising we will promote the Caseyville Library in their endeavors.](#)

We tweaked the by-laws and I will send them separately.

We added "social media chair" to the list of officers/chairs. This person will keep the Friends page updated on Facebook. Here is a copy: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Library Liason, Fundraising Chair, Membership Chair, Nominating Chair, Birthday Chair: *Sandy Haney*, Social Media Chair: *Jessica Fowler*.

We will fill these positions at the May meeting. **If you would like to an officer or chairperson**, please contact me at christinab134@gmail.com. Sandy Haney volunteered to be the birthday chairperson, so please send her or me your birthdate. Her email is ardnas210@aol.com. Jessica Fowler has been doing a wonderful job keeping the facebook page of the Friends up to date. She said she would like to continue this job. We have an interim treasurer with Terry Bell as we needed someone to make deposits, etc.

Fundraisers:

With our upcoming fundraisers we do need help! In March and again in October we are responsible for the book fair. The dates Thursday, **March 14** from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This evening is a preview for the Friends of the Library members only. On Friday **March 15**, everyone can get in free from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On Saturday, **March 16** everyone can get in free but we will charge \$5.00 per bag and we will provide the bag (all the books you can fit in the bag) from 10:00 a.m. from 4:00 p.m.

Besides needing people during the sale, we need help with setting up and taking down. Set up will begin on **Monday March 11 at 8:00 a.m.** Any time you can give from that time through Saturday will be appreciated. Please email or leave me a message if you can help for a few hours. My number is 407-4504. In addition to the book fair, we do have an ongoing book "store" in the back of the library where people may purchase during library hours.

April 1 – April 30 we will have a basket raffle at Ravenelli's. We need ten baskets to display. Customers will bid on the baskets for the entire month. Cindy at Ravenelli's will contact those who have won. If you can donate a basket or items for a basket, I need them by March 25th at

the library. We have two and three more in the process. If you have any items for a BBQ, Garden, or Baseball basket it would be appreciated.

May 1—May 18 will be the Pet Contest. Submit a picture of your pet along with \$5.00. The pictures will be displayed at the library during pet week and it will be a penny a vote. The winner will get a basket for his/her pet.

June is the city wide yard sale. More information about this will be forthcoming at a later time.

Goals:

The following are a few items we wish to accomplish. More can be added, so if you have any ideas, please let us know.

Pay balance of newsletter after ad money

Coffee area/Keurig, coffee, sweetner, sugar, cream, cups, spoons free to members and \$.25 for all others.

Volunteers of any age who are residents of Caseyville and are currently graduating from high school, have been accepted to a college or trade school, and who have completed 25 or more hours of community service with the Friends of the Library (helping with fundraisers) will be eligible for a chance to receive a \$500.00 scholarship from the Friends of the Library.

At the moment, we have 26 members! If you joined during the newsletter special (the first newsletter) you can receive a T-shirt or a tote. Please send me your size if you would like a shirt. Anyone else can order a shirt or purchase a tote for \$12.00.

We would like to list our members in the newsletter and on our Facebook page. Please let me know if you **DO NOT** want your name listed.

If you have a question or suggestions please do not hesitate to let me know. Think about being an officer or chairperson.

Thank you for all your time,

Christina Bell/ Trustee

