

Friends of Chatfield Public Library

Date: 2/27/25

Attendees:

Cara Manahan, Caitlin Anderson, Dawn Lubahn, Ellen Bryant, Emily Gomez, Susan Gossman, Pam Nelson

Notes:

- Current Friends of the Library group wanted to disband. Cara attended last meeting and offered to try and bring a new group together.
- Overall goal of tonight's discussion is to brainstorm next steps.
- Currently budget includes a checking a savings total of \$2800 minus \$1,500 already committed to summer programming in 2025.
- An emphasis on fundraising will be important
 - Connection to Chatfield Community Foundation?
 - Grants?
 - Dawn is a grant writer and could assist with this.
 - United way of SE - employee giving program. Dawn knows Jerome
 - Look at money market options at root river
 - Give MN - gift to the Max
 - Book sale during chillfest or trash and treasure days.
- Programming Ideas
 - Bring back a newsletter
 - Connection with Valleyland
 - Pizza night - teen
 - YA book night
 - Partner with student council
 - Reading walk for kids at city park?
 - Author night
 - Egg hunt in the library
 - Coloring contest
 - Game night
 - Kids space on the 2nd floor
 - Book sale -Western days
 - Garden tour - including music
 - Western Days Parade?
 - Friends of the Chatfield Public Library t shirts for a fundraiser?
 - Readathon?
 - Drawing class
- Other ideas
 - Library mailing list
 - Google Drive for Library- need to check with Christie
 - Collaboration with the board
 - Creating and maintaining a list of volunteers

Action Items

- Emily Gomez will reach out to other Friends of the Library groups to hear more about what they have been doing.
- Dawn Lubahn will ask Monica for a copy of the new strategic plan to help direct efforts.

Next Steps

- Next meeting: Thursday March 20th at 6p.m.
 - Invite will be extended to other who may be interested in participating.
- Review + update the bylaws
- Vote for new officers
- Determine priorities for the next quarter