I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE: 7:03 pm Mary Cooper, Rose Coletti, Theresa Dearhamer, Jackie Brandt, Mary Gerstenberger, Jacalynn Harvey

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the November 10, 2021 meeting.
Make a motion to approve Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2021 as corrected. Motion (to accept) Mary; Supported Rose; All in Favor all; Opposed None; Motion Carried

III. REPORTS

A. Treasurer:
Checking Balance: $16,082.47; CD: no change
Grant money discussion – two organizations have given Friends money. Fidelity Donor Advised Charitable Fund and Givinga Foundation – they recommended that an entity give money to us. To be used just for charity. Marie researched both organizations; they are both legitimate and doing what they say they’re doing, so no concern about it being a scam. Question is whether Friends can accept the funds without it being against the designated criteria, specifically the prohibition against political or campaigns. Mary suggested using the $100 for the next charitable Friends activity to avoid violating the terms of the grant.
Motion to accept grant funds and use the $100 for the next charitable request received by the Friends: Motion to accept Mary; Supported Marie; All in Favor all; Opposed None; Motion Carried.
Discussed increasing the donation to the RCS Scholarship when we receive the next request.
The Treasurer’s Report does not mention the CD at Comerica Bank but it is still extant.
Make a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Motion (to accept) Jackie; Supported Mary; All in Favor all; Opposed None; Motion Carried

B. Membership:
69 members (including the grant donors) and 65 complimentary members. 134 total including honorary members
Rose raised the issue of bookmarks that she sends to new members – these need to be
Make a motion to accept the Membership Report. Motion (to accept) Theresa; Supported Marie; All in Favor All; Opposed None; Motion Carried

C. Book Sale:
Discussed invitation to all Friends groups to attend pre-sale – Motion to invite all members of Friends organizations in Suburban Library Co-Op: Mary; Supported Theresa; All in Favor All; Opposed None; Motion Carried
Need more book donations to replenish what was sold and destroyed. We have a lot of nonfiction. Jacalynn asked if we could send a letter to Friends members to come in to do more of the sorting prior to sale and work at the book sale. Need 3 people present at all times during sale. Rose prepares a list from the membership requests if they’re interested in assisting with the book sale, so Theresa can call those people to help with that. Discussed having a copy of the spreadsheet printed with just names, phone numbers and interested in book sale.
Discussed setting a date for book sale committee that can be advertised to the general public – Saturday, April 2 at 11am
Make a motion to accept the Book Sale Committee report. Motion (to accept) Mary; Supported Rose; All in Favor All; Opposed None; Motion Carried

IV. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director’s Report. Theresa and Jacalynn did the drive-thru tree lighting. It went okay. It was disorganized and quiet. There was no lighting. The library booth was last and felt like an afterthought. Handed out no more than 150 books even including people who had no kids. Hoping next year is back to normal.
Library received a couple of grants. Suburban Library Co-operative grant to do literacy kits. Doing science kits from a donation including a book, toy, etc on one theme. Federal funds give 5 Chromebooks – have to add filters and software to wipe clean between uses. 2 will be loaned out. Outdoor programming set: speaker, microphone, and canopy. Never hired Youth Services Coordinator. Library staff getting into schools but doing things differently than they used to, requires 2 staff in the school all day. 5 families applied for cards last weekend because of school visits. Staffing is still a struggle. Not as many children’s librarians out there anymore. This requires reassessment of summer reading program. Discussed winter reading program – 45 participants.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Friends By-laws. Jacalynn submitted the bylaws with notes to Tim Tomlinson. He has provided his updates to the bylaws. Members have been given a copy of the suggested changes to review and return next meeting with changes. Mary suggested adding the Family membership back to Article IV Sec 1.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for funding for children’s softcover books. Jacalynn talked to secretary at a Roseville school to get numbers and not sure if it’s feasible because it’s almost 2500 kids in K-6 in Roseville. Taking swag bags to schools – previous reading program bags, literature about library. Used to get books through a Scholastic program for $1 each. Scholastic then started selling books which would have been sold at book fairs which
weren’t happening during COVID, these were $2 each. For many families, this is the only book they may own. Jacalynn wanted to ask the Friends if they would donate to purchase books, but this would be $5,000 which may be too much. Discussed how much we currently donate and what could be adjusted. Marie suggested choosing a grade level. 350 students in third grade right now. Marie also mentioned donating more now because it will impact the amount we can spend on the millage. Marie moved to sponsor books for children in Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third grade; Mary seconded; All in Favor All; Opposed None; Motion Carried.

VII. NEXT MEETING
May 11, 2022, 7:00PM

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:
Make a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm. Motion (to accept) Mary; Supported Jackie; All in Favor All; Opposed None; Motion Carried