



Electronic discussions From April through mid-June, 2013

-April 4th: it was decided that Friends could set up a table for the National Library Week reception to be held
-April 14th: Aubrey set up a small table with the tri-fold display just prior to the reception-left brochures and a sign-up sheet for interested people to leave their contact information. Aaron later told Aubrey that it was OK to leave the display up for a few weeks and would let us know when to remove it. Ray later took it down on May 13th.

-May 23rd: Toni clarified that the coffee provided to library patrons is not paid for by the Friends.

-May 20th: Aubrey started the process to arrange another UPS pick up to send 27 boxes of books to Better World Books – they shipped out on May 22nd.

-May 21st: Wendy received this email from Book Forward:

*“Hello Wendy, I was wondering if you or your FOL group are interested in increasing your Library's book sales? **Book Forward**, is a one stop service that helps libraries and other nonprofit organizations increase their Fund Raising Efforts by selling donated items or library-discards online.*

We are currently working with over 80 libraries located in 20 different states. We have helped them raise a good amount of money in just a few weeks.

Examples: (<http://www.bookforward.net/testimonials.html>)

- 1. In 2 months, we sold 215 items for Ellensburg Library in WA. Library received a payment of \$1,416 from us, or \$6.58 for every book sold, with a net return of 57%.*
- 2. In 4 weeks, we sold 89 items for Eagle Rock Library in Los Angeles. Library received a payment of \$753 from us, or \$8.46 for every book sold, with a net return of 60%.*

Highlights of our Service: *We are offering a Special Introductory Promotion for your first two months of using our service. See how we can help your organization increase your revenue with little or no work. Please visit our website: <http://bookforward.net/>. Please feel free to call me with any questions, comments or ways to assist you. Thank you for your interest in Book Forward!

Warmest Regards, Anita Aguila | Book Forward Inc.

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-Discussion among friends brought the idea to try and scan nonfiction books to try out their services and see if the return is different. This item is still open for discussion.

-May 23rd: Ray received a request for funding from Mary Lorenz, Reference Librarian, to purchase \$200.00 worth of prizes and refreshments for the adult and teen summer reading programs. Friends Aubrey M., Deb S., & Toni V. responded with a “yes” vote. This item needs to be finalized by the President.

June 4: There was also a request for \$500 that the library can use to purchase supplies and materials for a staff training day in October.

“Friends of the Library: Every year, the GF Library has staff training on Columbus Day in October. There is a staff committee which plans this day. We are requesting funding from Friends of the Library to cover the costs of food, to purchase thumb drives for training, and to purchase gift cards or prizes to encourage attendance and participation by staff.

The Committee's request follows:

"The Training Day Committee is requesting funds from the Friends of the Grand Forks Public Library for our training day which will be held October 14, 2013.

Food for breaks and lunch	150.00
Thumb drives with GFPL logo	250.00
Gift cards or electronic device (prizes)	100.00

Total = 500.00

Summarized by Aubrey Madler, Friends Secretary, June 13, 2013

Sincerely,
David Haney
Chair- Training Day Committee"

I strongly encourage you to support this request. I move that Friends grant the Training Committee's request for \$500.00 to purchase food, thumb drives and prizes for the Library staff training day.

Thank you,
Toni"

Aubrey seconded. Deb S., Ray S., and Debbie M. agreed – motion needs to be officially approved

-Late May into early June: Friends members received correspondence from Fawn Behrens-Smith, Library Board member, regarding a partnership opportunity with her Melaleuca marketing business. They are a 27 year old manufacturer of eco-friendly green products. The company offers a charitable organization program providing donations to a charitable organization. Fawn has offered to name Friends of the Library as the charitable designation of her business. Friends would receive a monthly commission on sales. Ray, Elaine, Angie, and Aubrey received information from her on this fundraising partnership, they will share findings with the group for further discussion and to come to a consensus.

June 4: Friends received an email from Toni explaining that a patron understood that she could purchase books from the sale rack at ½ price because she was a Friend. However, both Angie and Aubrey remember that the discount only applies when a Friend helps set up for a sale and books purchased during that sale are at a 50% discount.