
GoFish! Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

Well, I was going to write a news letter several times a year and here it is... one year and two months later! Since that idea isn't going to work, let's go with an annual update and I'll also send periodic emails to the workers regarding changes at the store.

I'm excited to post the 2011 financials (not including building expenses, utilities, etc).

Total sales

\$15,549.66

Donations to local charities:

\$1,757.75

Food Pantry

\$1,000.00

Hyde Fuel

collection or those in need

\$1,000.00

Coats for Kids

\$1,000.00

Gulu Children of Hope

\$1,000.00

Saranac Lake Summer Program

\$1,187.50

Donations to patrons in need

These were items from the store given directly to people in crisis.

I'm sure it was more than what was recorded but this is all we had written down.

We also gave a large amount to *Family Champions* when they were doing their stocking stuffing and ran out of toys and children's clothes. I gave them all our toys that were in good condition and five tubs of children's clothes. Unfortunately I did not count the amount as the driver was in a hurry to get back and continue working. I would estimate it to be around two hundred dollars. They were very grateful!

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1. We are looking into replacing the carpet in the hallway and the rooms on the left side of the hall, hallelujah! When we do this we will be closed for a couple days. At that time we will also be moving the book department down to the end of the hall in the foyer by the far staircase. I am getting some more shelving and we hope this will clean up the flow at the front of the store. We get a large amount of books and our customers really like to come in and browse.
2. As some of you know we send a large amount of items to Tupper Lake's *Family Champions*. They are non-profit organizations who do so much for the area. Here is the article that appeared in the paper last March.
www.adirondackdailyenterprise.com/page/content.../id/523619.html
3. We have 2 ladies from Saranac Lake who drive fabric to Tupper Lake when I let them know we have enough for a load. Kathy and her volunteers will then decide if they can use it or pack it up as rags, which they sell for \$.19 per pound. They recycle just about EVERYTHING there; we only send them our clothing and used cell phone batteries at this time. But feel free to read about all that they do there. This year I think they did about 200 Christmas stockings for those who needed help, at no cost! I have a whole print out on their operation on the bulletin board by the register if you would like to read it. So continue to put aside the items that we have to many of, the out of style, the just plain ugly and even the stuff that could be rags for them and I will be sure that it gets delivered to them. This also saves filling up our landfills with things that can be recycled. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!!
4. Thanks to Don, Ken, Alan and all their helpers who completed the new window installation at the store and upstairs, it has made a big difference in keeping us warm in the winter and cooler in the summer. Don hung a coat rack for us & is also working on the ministry rooms upstairs in preparation for the visit from our potential new Pastor and his family.
5. We will be working with the *Youth Group* and Paula and Paul to set up a Christmas room upstairs for next year. It would be run by the youth group and they would then get to keep the profits from it. That will certainly make us a lot less cluttered downstairs for the Holidays. I will keep you informed on how that is going as the process is completed.
6. I set up a coffee pot on the counter up front with hot water along with tea, cocoa and instant coffee for our customers in this cold weather. It's free for whoever would like some :-)
7. So as always thank you all so much for all your help, the town appreciates all that we do for them. I have at least one or two people tell me that every Wednesday!

God Bless!
Sue Becherer-Fik