

FRIENDS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY LIBRARY
MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2016
As amended Sept. 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05. Present: Mary Jackson, Carol Franks-Randall, Connie Zillig, Penny Lins, Sue Haddox, Kathie Smarick. Absent: DeAnn Cheyne, John Walden.

The minutes from the July 11, 2016 meeting were approved as amended.

Connie presented the financial and membership report. There were 2 membership renewals. We are holding steady at 69 members. The status of our bank accounts is \$13,954.90.

Kathie reported on the Friends web page. She asked if anyone had received any feedback on our web page. The idea of posting donations "in memory of" or "in honor of" or milestone birthdays or anniversaries was posed. We have received \$175 in donations in memory of an FOL member Mr. Ed Williams. Mary has written and will continue to write thank you notes to those donors. Kathie will request monthly reports from Rob.

Kathie reported that our Spirit Day at Sweet Frog was a success. We gave away 75 or so books. As of our board meeting she had not yet collected the check from Sweet Frog but we had collected \$40.50 in the donation bucket to be added to whatever we receive from Sweet Frog.

Kathie then reported on the recent "Crafting with Friends" at Wye River Designs. We had 10 attendees and 1 advisor. It was thought this was a nice social event to raise some money and that perhaps we would consider having another in February, perhaps a "paint night".

Penny reported on the book sale. We have had a library patron who is moving to Florida offer us about 1000 books from his collection as he is downsizing. We will be making several trips to his home to gather the books and move them to the storage unit. We will be moving books from storage to each branch on 8/25 beginning at 12 noon. Set up at KI will begin on Friday at 10 AM in preparation for both the "members only" presale and the actual book sale. We cannot use the Centreville branch for sorting until Friday since the meeting room is being used Thursday evening. We will arrive Saturday morning at 7:30 AM to begin setting up on the porch. It was requested that any board members with tables please bring them to the library where they will be helping to supplement what is available for our use at each branch. Regional will make flyers for us to be posted in each branch and Sue will send some home with her children in their lunch boxes. We will post a few where we think they will get the best coverage. We decided not to post as many as we had last year. The sale will be advertised on our website, the library website, Facebook, and various other social media. We decided not to spend money to advertise in the local newspapers.

Mary reported on the Spelling Bee in DeAnn's absence. The planning committee toured WRUS and there will be three tables on stage for three teams competing at a time. The selection of food for sale is being worked on and priced out for cost of ingredients. A study list of 70%-80% of words being used will be posted by the end of August. The bee rules are posted on our

website. There will be 3 judges, so far John McCollum and Scott MacGlashan. It was suggested that perhaps the third judge could be a woman. The bee keeper, Chris Rogers, is a friend of Barbie Bedell. \$75 has been allotted for prizes and gifts. Compass Regional Hospice may be fielding a team and Connie's book club will be fielding a team.

Regarding ARC Reading Club. The volunteers are reading with their assignees and we plan to hold a luncheon, as before, and present each participant a certificate. Mary has sent an email to Constance who is replacing MaryAnne Lange.

There is no additional update or information regarding Storytime on Wheels.

The next item for discussion was funding the Saturday Arts Program. It was moved and seconded to continue funding this program in the amount of \$1400 for FY2016/17. We will then consider how/when to fund this program in the future since the library and the FOL funding begin at different times. The library runs on a FY 7/1 thru 6/30 and ours begins on 1/1.

We then moved on to discuss a year-end children's event. Penny has suggested that perhaps we could have a candy cane hunt in the children's section of the library for children 10 and under. This event could be a Sunday in December with the hunt, then perhaps a movie and/or a craft event afterwards with refreshments. We would hold the event at both branches from 2-4PM, have registration and also make this another opportunity to give away books to each child who attends. The dates we are looking at would be either 12/4 or 12/11. We will check with John to get his perspective. It was moved and seconded to proceed with this idea and that perhaps the best date would be 12/4 when it was early in the month and an event filled weekend (Friday evening the Christmas parade in Centreville, and Saturday the "Heck with the Malls" also in Centreville).

We moved onto discussion regarding the Bylaws. Connie will pick a date in September for the committee to meet and begin work on the Bylaws so that they can present their recommendations at our November board meeting.

Kathie reported that the Public Affairs Committee wants key people from the Library Board and the FOL board to meet on August 22nd to discuss the possibility of having the Friends take on the Annual Fund drive. Connie suggested that perhaps the first \$25 of a donation go to the FOL and the balance be funded back to the library. This way we could increase our membership and eliminate the confusion for those who have given to the Annual Fund thinking they are FOL members. There needs to be clarification of the identities of the different supporting units. The FOL would then relieve the Public Affairs Committee of this task. We will see what decision is made after the 8/22 meeting. If indeed we are tasked with taking on the Annual Fund drive we will need to consider finding a consultant with expertise in fund raising to help us in this endeavor.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Lins, Secretary