

**FRIENDS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY LIBRARY**  
**MINUTES**  
**MARCH 7, 2016**  
**As amended April 11, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. Present: Carol Franks-Randall, Connie Zillig, Sue Haddox, DeAnn Cheyne, Penny Lins, and John Walden. Absent: Kathie Smarick. Although Mary was not physically present she attended via speaker phone. The minutes were approved as amended.

The photos for the website were not done since two members were not present.

Connie presented the budget and membership report. Current membership count is 61. The balance in our account as of March 7, 2016 is \$17,736.42. With regard to membership it was decided to send letters to names in the "blue group" on the membership list with a copy of the Annual Report. John will send a similar letter to Library Board members as well as Ms. Peggy Ransom.

The next item on the agenda was our Annual Meeting and "Volunteer of the Year" Mildred Price. Connie will introduce Ms. Price at our Annual Meeting and present her with a certificate and thank her for her help and dedication to the Friends. The order of events was discussed for the Annual Meeting. Carol will emcee the meeting since Mary is unable to attend. Carol will go over our accomplishments for 2015 and John will add some comments. We will then have nominations and election for two positions on the Board of DeAnn and Connie. Then we will have election of officers. Afterwards we will introduce the musicians and proceed with dinner. Sue or her friend Anne will take photos for our website. We also decide by a vote to pay for Mildred's dinner.

Carol then informed us that she has received material that can be downloaded and posted electronically for the Read Aloud Program. John will ask Regional if they would be willing to print bookmarks for this program and use his budget for such. Sue will distribute this information to her Day Care center and post the information on Facebook. We will also ask Ethelyn if she will post flyers at the day care centers in her program. DeAnn volunteered to contact someone at various churches.

Carol and Sue are distributing information on Reading with Friends to the schools, Board of Education and Facebook.

With regard to Reading Awards Carol met Elaine O'Neal and they will showcase readers with most improvement. The schools to be included will be Matapeake, Grasonville, Kennard, Church Hill, and Sudlersville fourth and fifth grades and will be coordinated with moving up ceremonies. Dr. Williamson has a question regarding the criteria for awards and was apprised it would be for most improved.

Sue brought us up-to-date regarding the name tags. The cost is \$112.75 for 11 along with bags. The name tags are white plastic with the Friends logo and will have magnets for attaching to clothing.

DeAnn then provided an update on the Book Swap. The first is to be April 4, 2016 at Sudlersville Senior Center. DeAnn has spoken with Annie Sparks at the Center regarding this event. They will have a table of books and folks will be encouraged to bring a book and take a book. Cookies will be provided for refreshment. We will hold large print books for these book swaps. There will be a similar event at the Kent Island Senior Center in May and Grasonville in June.

The following items are in flux:

- 1) Kathie is working on the web page
- 2) Mary has heard nothing regarding Little Free Library
- 3) Carol has not had a follow-up meeting with Ethelyn regarding Storytime on Wheels. Hopefully they will meet before our April meeting. And we will need input from Sue.
- 4) With regard to Arc Mary has emailed Mary Anne.

The following 2016 activities are in the works:

- 1) There will be Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A in June.
- 2) Our book sale will be August 26th & 27th to be held at both branches.
- 3) Spelling Bee at WRUS on October 20th - Kathy Killeen will be meeting with DeAnn regarding this event.
- 4) Crafting with Friends at Wye River Designs in Grasonville is an idea Kathie is working on.

Finally there was one item of new business which is a Hop Scotch event at Kent Island branch on April 2nd. Staff has requested help from Friends. We will see if we can get 1-2 of our members to help with this event.

Our next meeting will be held at the Kent Island branch on April 11, 2016. John will have a projector available for the presentation of our website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Lins, Secretary