

FRIENDS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY LIBRARY
Minutes
December 7, 2015
Amended January 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order. Present: Mary Jackson, Carol Franks-Randall, Connie Zillig, DeAnn Cheyne, Kathie Smarick, Penny Lins, and John Walden. Absent: Sue Haddox. The minutes from the November 9, 2015 meeting were approved as corrected.

Connie presented the financial report. We have \$17,667.22 in our bank account. We currently have 58 members a gain of one member. It was decided to send a membership form with renewals so folks can see at what level they were and decide whether to increase their membership or remain at the same level.

The next item on the agenda was planning for 2016:

1) Annual Meeting - Date 3/10 and we will send out a "save the date". A \$1000 budget was agreed upon. The meeting will be held at The Creamery with the menu to be decided upon and either some form of entertainment or speaker. There will be a cocktail hour (wine) for about 1/2 hour then at short business meeting, followed by dinner.

2) Book Sale - Agreed to have one sale end of August at both branches and perhaps over a two day period. Also decided that we will rethink pricing and no bags allowed until last hour or so of sale.

3) Family Friendly Event - KI branch to coincide with kick off for summer reading program. Some ideas, have children come dressed as a character from their favorite book, have some children's authors, arts and crafts, perhaps have a children's book sale, and food vendors.

4) Reading with Friends - Have an event at each branch in spring to coincide with National Library Week and September to highlight Literacy Month.

5) Reading Club with ARC - Hopefully 2 times in 2016. It was such a success and both volunteers and members anxious to do it again.

6) Reading Awards - Give awards to selected 5th graders at all county middle schools. Awardees will be selected by teachers.

7) Do the Bay Bridge Run again.

8) Book exchange/Little Free Library to be tried at 3 county senior centers.

9) National Friends of Libraries Week - Proclamation card with soft solicitation.

We next discussed Storytime on Wheels - A program designed for daycare providers who work out their homes and cannot get to the library with the children. Apparently this is not funded by the Library but new materials are needed and the book bags need repairs. We will ask Ethelyn to come to a future meeting and talk to us about what she needs and of money needed to provide new materials. There may be some technical items on her wish list. It was brought up that perhaps we could help her get a grant through Mid Shore Community Foundation. Carol brought up the fact that there is a training program for new volunteers. Carol has been a volunteer for three years. This item will be tabled until Ethelyn comes to speak to us.

John then spoke to us about his wish list. He wants to put the photo scanner on hold for now because some new equipment is arriving and it will need to be determined how much space is left for the scanner. John is going to the PLA Conference in March and he wants to wait until after that because he may return with some new ideas for his wish list. He may also want iPads

for some new programs for the pre-literacy, school age, teen, and adult programs. We did move and second a motion to provide \$1500 for shirts for the 2016 Summer Reading Program.

We then talked about Little Free Libraries. We will need a permit to build the structure but there may be no charge for it. After talking with both the Town of Centreville and the County it was determined that there was little problem with this project. it is something both the county and Town of Centreville are in favor of. Mary will contact Kathy Kwiatkowski regarding this project.

Next John reported on ideas for grants from Mid Shore Community Foundation:

- 1) Library is working with English as a second language project. A few thousand dollars are needed to help purchase bilingual materials.
- 2) Saturday morning story time.

Decided to take the Scholastic Book Exchange off the agenda for now.

The Duplo Legos was tabled until our January meeting.

It was reported that we signed a contract with Scrawl Design to design and start up our Friends Web Page. Research has begun and by January there will be something to show us.

Under new business Connie presented a draft of the 2016 budget. She worked on it at a later time and then emailed it to each member for a vote. The 2016 budget was passed by a 5-0 vote.

The final item on the agenda was the schedule for 2016 Board Meetings. The meeting was adjourned to meet on January 4th at the Kent Island branch.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Lins, Secretary
12/27/2015