

Friends of Queen Anne's County Library
Minutes
March 2, 2015
Amended April 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order. Present were: Mary Jackson, Chloe Norton, Connie Zillig, Sue Haddox, Penny Lins, Carol Franks-Randall, Kathie Smarick, John Walden, and guest DeAnn Cheyne. Jim Malaro was absent.

The minutes of the February 2, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

Membership status was reviewed and we decided to track renewals. We decided to continue sending hand written thank you notes. Discussion followed regarding the need to send out end-of-year forms for tax purposes to contributors, especially those contributing \$250 up.

Our financial status was updated and it was decided to open bank accounts for our FOL group so that library staff no longer will have to write checks for our expenses, contributions etc. We will also get a "for deposit only" stamp. We also decided to use the library's Centreville address for our account. Money will be transferred from Centreville to Kent Island for Connie to collect and deposit.

The next topic was Reading with Friends, ages 2-5, which will take place at both branches during National Library Week. Sue and Carol are in charge of this and will arrange for readers for these events. The afternoon event at each branch will have a beverage and snack available. Chick-Fil-A will provide refreshments for the Kent Island branch and the Creamery will provide refreshments for Centreville. It was moved and seconded that the Friends will spend \$150 to provide a book for each child with a bookplate attached with the FOL logo stating the book was donated by our group and a place for the child's name. It was discussed that if this event was successful we might do a similar event at the start of the school year. This could be a way of promoting our organization to young families and perhaps garner some new members.

There was discussion regarding a new Friends category of Associate Member that might be a box to tick off on the Annual Campaign pledge. More discussion will follow after Mary and John meet with the Library Board.

Discussion ensued regarding our fall event of a Wine and Cheese Evening with the sale of wine with a "Library Red" label as a fund raiser. More discussion will follow on this at a future meeting. It was also thought that perhaps we could have a bookmark printed up with a listing of our major events and have them at the checkout desks at each branch. Even if we do not have a date for our fall fund raiser we could say something like "watch for our fall Wine and Cheese Evening", thus folks would have a heads up of an upcoming event.

We discussed the possibility of sponsoring a bus trip to Washington to visit either the Library of Congress or the National Archives. We would charter a bus and would have to have a minimum of attendees to make it worthwhile but if we have a full bus it could be a form of fund raising. Penny and Mary will work on this and we will discuss at a future meeting.

DeAnn brought up some fund raising ideas: having patrons sponsor a book for \$20 and a book plate would be placed in the book they wish to sponsor. It could be in memory of someone

etc. Or even a fun and whimsical idea of paying a dollar amount to place pink flamingos in a person's yard saying "You have been flocked".

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Lins, Secretary