

**Friends of Queen Anne's County Library**  
**Minutes**  
**April 11, 2016**  
**As amended May 2, 2016**

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

The first item of the evening was photos of each board member for the website.

The minutes were approved as amended.

Then Connie presented our financial status and membership update. Our current bank balance is \$17,710.68. Our total membership is now 58, with 3 new members and 4 renewals from 2015 lapsed members. Connie also changed the designation of 4 entities from members to donors. By sending a letter once a year to members who have not renewed we hope we will get more renewals.

Kathie made a presentation on the progress of our web page and would like feedback by Monday April 18th.

- We need to decide on a domain for the organization - FriendsofQACLlibrary.org
- Try our logo for home page
- A link to Facebook page
- Have some photos from our events on site
- Less generic pages and try to use our colors as banners on pages
- Highlight Friends events
- Highlight Friends sponsored events
- List organizations that have donated \$100 or more
- Kathie agreed to be final editor and seeing that items get onto website
- Website would be updated/maintained at each meeting
- Whoever chairs a project would be responsible for providing blurbs before & after the event within one week after the event

DeAnn and Carol reported on the Book Swap at Sudlersville Senior Center. A wide variety of books were provided but there was only one swap. It certainly was a "good will" event. The next Book Swap will be at the Grasonville Senior Center on May 23, 2016. A date has not yet been determined for Book Swap at the Kent Island Senior Center.

Carol and Sue reported on the progress for the "Reading with Friends" at Kent Island on On April 14th during Library Week. So far 34 children have signed up and there is room for 26 more. Carol has 60 books available to hand out to each child. Cindy Freland will read from one of her books. She will also have a supply of books to sell and autograph for those interested. Julie and Elaine are setting up coloring stations and are both very excited about the event.

Penny provided a report on our Annual Meeting. We had a good turnout, the food was good, nice music, and it was a very convivial event. Lots of intermingling among members and board members. We gained three new members, which was one of the goals of this event.

The Parent Teacher Organization of Christ Episcopal Day School requested a donation from Friends of Queen Anne's County Library for their fund raiser. It was moved and seconded to donate 5 books and a Friends bag.

Kathie presented an update for a fund raiser at Wye River Design of a crafting evening on June 2nd from 7-9 PM. Must have a minimum of 10 participants with a maximum of 19. It was decided the fee for this event would be \$30 for nonmembers and \$25 for members. The Friends will proceed with this soft fund raiser.

Spirit Night at Chick Fil A was the next item of discussion. Kathie has tried to speak with the manager of Chick-Fil-A without success. It was decided to table this item until our May meeting and to have Julie try to send an email to get some sort of response.

Carol then distributed bookmarks that John had printed for us promoting the Read Aloud Program.

Carol brought us up to speed on Reading Awards. The Friends of Queen Anne's County Library will present reading awards to 6 children at their "rising up" ceremonies from 6 schools (Church Hill, Kennard, Sudlersville, Grasonville, Matapeake, and Bayside). We agreed to present each child with a certificate for the most improvement and a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card. Elaine O'Neal will contact the proper person at each school for the selection of each awardee. We will probably need 6 members (one at each school) to do the presentations. Kathy will print up the certificates for distribution.

Sue then handed out name tags to each member, and we have several extras. They are in our logo and have a magnet for attaching to clothing. They each came with a bag for storage. The total cost for these name tags was \$90.45, less than the budgeted amount.

With regard to 2016 activities:

- Little Free Library - still no information
- Storytime on Wheels - Mary is to arrange a meeting with Ethelyn
- ARC - Mary has learned there are 7 individuals interested, we have 4 volunteers and need 3 more
- Book Sale - Aug. 26th-27th - Penny has volunteered to chair this event
- Spelling Bee- Oct. 20th - DeAnn reported that WRUS requires we provide liability insurance and chairs for the event. A committee will be formed and DeAnn will have further details at our June meeting

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Lins, Secretary