

**Friends of Queen Anne's County Library**  
**Minutes**  
**February 1, 2016**  
**As amended March 7, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM. Present: Mary Jackson, Carol Franks-Randall, Sue Haddox, Kathie Smarick, Penny Lins, John Walden. Absent: Connie Zillig and DeAnn Cheyne. The minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Ethelyn Davis made a presentation on Storytime on Wheels which began with a state grant in 1999. Ethelyn took on the project in 2001. Its purpose is to focus on pre-reading skills and instill the desire to love books and stories. There are about 13 volunteers who after a short training period go to one to two child care centers a month. There are 37 kits each developed around a specific theme. The idea is to have children ready to read when they enter school. The program also encourages parents to read to their children. Inside the kits there are also activities matching the theme to promote dexterity, items such as puzzles, mazes, and scissors. These items have been provided by the program leader. At present there are no funds provided by the Library. The Friends are encouraging Ethelyn to make a wish list of items she needs. She did indicate that some of the bags need repair and that she needs some sewing expertise for some of her projects. The Friends have decided this a project worthy of our help. In the coming months Sue will look into providing information/flyer to be circulated about this very worthwhile project. Ethelyn also requested more childcare centers they could service. Sue is to get a list of licensed daycare providers in QAC for Ethelyn. Once we have a wish list and more direction we will decide on what help we can give this project.

Mary reported that an audit was done on 1/12/16 and that she and DeAnn were present. Connie's books were reviewed and there was a clean audit. Connie will bring us up-to-date with our membership and finances when she returns from her travels.

The next item on the agenda was the Read Aloud Program. Carol got the green light from John and Julie to go ahead with this program. Carol would like the Friends to partner with the Read Aloud Program. She would like to promote the program with posters and bookmarks that can be obtained online. It was moved and seconded the Friends would partner with the Read Aloud Program. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathie next gave us an update on the Friends web page. Our first priority will be membership and the second will be to distinguish between FOL and Library events. We do have an identity issue. Next we will get a working home page. Kathie is working on getting a Word or PDF of our brochure put on our website. Apparently there will be no additional cost for Board management and minutes.

At present the idea of Little Free Library is at a standstill. Hopefully this will be revisited at a later date.

A Nominating Committee has been formed. Chair, Kathy Kwiatkowski, Carrie Christie and Steve Sands are to present a slate at our Annual Meeting to be voted upon.

Next we reviewed what has been decided on so far for our 2016 Activities:

The Annual Meeting will be held 3/10 at The Creamery. Kathie will create a pdf invitation which will be emailed. Sue will send out an email blast.

Reading with Friends will proceed, but only at the KI branch on 4/14. Carol and Sue will continue with the project.

Book Swap on 4/4 at the Sudlersville Senior Center from Noon to 2 PM. DeAnn and Carol will work together on this project.

Family Event - Kathie is working on Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A instead of June event

Annual Book Sale will be held August 26 & 27th at both branches.

Spelling Bee - To be held at Wye River Upper School. They have graciously donated their space for our event. The only cost to us a \$75 janitorial fee. More to follow at a later date.

We approved funds of up to \$5,600 for three library staff members to attend the Public Library Association's National Conference in Denver in March.

Sue brought us up-to-date on her progress with name tags. She has been in contact with Name Tag Country which charges \$8.10 for 1-10 count name tag (1 1/4" x3") including a magnetic backing in white plastic. It would just have our logo and no name so that anyone in the organization could use it. She will report more at our next meeting. It was moved and seconded that we appropriate \$150 toward the cost of name tags. The motion passed unanimously.

Under new business Carol will contact Elaine O'Neal regarding reading awards. What would criteria be for earning the award? It might be the child who has shown the most growth in reading. We also need to speak with Connie regarding "in-kind" donations. For example - the donation from the WRUS of their auditorium space for which they normally charge \$1000. Also the Creamery has let us have their space for \$75 instead of \$150. And thirdly the reader for the Reading with Friends program who normally charges \$300 but is donating her time. Kathie is to reach out to the Chesapeake Mom's Club to partner on a future event.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Lins, Secretary