

Friends of Queen Anne's County Library
Minutes
January 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM. Present: Mary Jackson, Carol Franks-Randall, Connie Zillig, Sue Haddox, DeAnn Cheyne, Penny Lins, and John Walden. Absent: Kathie Smarick. The minutes from the December 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

Connie presented the financial and membership update. At year end 2015 there was a balance of \$18,101.10 in our account. Our membership is now 63. Connie will be away beginning 1/18/16 until the beginning of March. She asked Penny to check on the PO BOX and give Mary checks 104-108 for use while she is away. Connie also requested an audit be performed before she leaves on the 1/18/16. Both Mary and DeAnn will be present for the audit.

Carol reported on the "Read Aloud Program" which is a program with a major thrust of reading to a child for 15 minutes a day from birth to age 8. Apparently this program is funded through 2022 and all materials can be downloaded electronically to be distributed by print or digitally. Carol presented the idea and asked John to check for interest from the children's librarians. This could possibly compliment "Storytime on Wheels". Carol is willing to do surveys if needed.

Mary is meeting with Kathy Kwiatlowski on 1/14 to talk about how to proceed with Little Free Libraries.

It was determined that the first book swap would be at the Sudlersville Senior Center, to have a presence of FOL in the northern county.

John will bring ideas for grant applications after our March meeting.

With regard to Duplo Legos it was determined that there were enough at both branches and no more were needed.

With regard to our Friends Web Page progress is being made. They have requested our logo. Kathie will update us at a later date.

Plans for 2016 include the Annual Meeting which will be held on March 10, 2016 at the Creamery. We have a budget of \$1000 and it was decided that we should have some kind of music or entertainment. Penny will follow-up on the menu and entertainment. DeAnn suggested a spelling bee as a soft fundraiser for this year. We would like to hold it during Friends of Libraries Week in October 10/16-22. A tentative date of 10/20/16 was chosen. A venue of Wye River Upper School was suggested and Penny will look into the possibility of holding such there. It was also suggested that we hold a holiday party for FOL members, Library staff and Library Board members. A date of the Sunday before Thanksgiving (11/20/16) was bandied about. More discussion will follow on this item.

Mary will appoint a nominating committee as both DeAnn Cheyne's and Connie Zillig's terms expire. Both have indicated their willingness to serve new three year terms. The slate will be presented at the Annual Meeting and voting will take place at that time.

The idea of name tags with our logo for board members was brought up and Sue will look into this.

Under new business John brought up several ideas from staff. It was suggested that the last week of each month we have a bag sale for lobby sales of books at both branches. With regard to programming the staff does not want us to link our family event with the summer reading program. But they would appreciate having Friends members man a table when t-shirts are given out June 1st to 4th. They also request hosts for summer reading programs and Saturday art programs. It was also requested that the "Reading with Friends" program be fully hosted, set up, cleaned up, etc. by the Friends group without help from staff

With regard to Saturday Arts Programs it was moved and seconded to provide \$1500 to the program. The motion was passed unanimously.

Our next meeting will be 7 PM February 1, 2016 at the Centreville branch. The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Lins, Secretary