

Friends of Queen Anne's County Library
Minutes
July 11, 2016
As amended August 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Present: Carol Franks-Randall, Connie Zillig, Sue Haddox, DeAnn Cheyne, Kathie Smarick, Penny Lins, and John Walden. Mary Jackson was absent and Carol Franks-Randall conducted the meeting. The minutes from the June 6, 2016 meeting were approved as amended.

John requested that we allow Ann Wilson to speak to our group regarding the art grant that allows for the library to conduct the Saturday art programs at each branch. Ms. Wilson thanked us for our past generosity as it allows them to have various artists from the community come in and run a program. Last year they had 521 participants as well as 100 parents who stayed during some of the programs. The programs run from September to May and as you can see are very popular, so they are looking for our support for the upcoming year. Connie spoke up to say that we had voted to give another \$1500 to the program (the vote taken in January). However, there was some confusion since the program runs on the fiscal year and not the calendar year. It seems the money approved in January was for fiscal year 7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016. We will have to decide how we are going to fund this year's program.

Connie then presented her report on our finances and membership. We have 69 members, including two new members. Our bank account stands at \$13,928.51. John returned \$583 (check) from expenses for the PLA that were not used.

We then reviewed the PLA Reports from Andrea and Jenny.

John reported that as always the library will have a presence at the County Fair and will have a program "Recovering the Classics". John also reported that next year the Summer Reading Program will probably get an update.

Kathie bought us up-to-date on our website. Both she and Mary have done a complete content and function review. With a few changes the website will be ready to go "LIVE" in a few days.

Carol reported on the Reading Awards. Carol thanked all the presenters. It was felt that it was a very worthwhile endeavor and that we would do it again next year. This was an excellent forum for good press and recognition for FOL. Several things were learned from our first attempt. First we need to get an early start on this project by contacting the various schools and reading specialists in the fall. Also we should make certain that the parents of the recipients are notified so they can be present if they are able.

DeAnn then reported on the Book Swaps at the Senior Centers. It was felt that this was not a priority but that we should perhaps think about doing it again. Kathy Sparks reported that the Centers liked having us there. Since there was not much interest in books it was suggested that in the future we perhaps bring DVDs, CDs, and magazines. It seems it is more of a social event and that still gives us good recognition for serving the seniors of our community.

Kathie brought us up-to-date on our Spirit Day at Sweet Frog. It will be held July 19th from open to close. Carol has ordered and received the books (up to age 8) for the giveaways. A schedule was made for our various board members to be on hand from open to close.

Kathie also brought us up-to-date on another Crafting with Friends at Wye River Studios on August 2nd from 7-9.

Penny then reported on the Book Sale. She reported that the storage unit is working out very well. It was suggested that books be sorted and boxed before going to storage and remember to record time spent volunteering. John will ask Regional to do a new flyer for this year for distribution. Prices were also decided upon for the items: Hardbacks, DVDs, CDs \$1, paperbacks \$0.25, children's books \$0.25 or five for \$1.

DeAnn then reported on progress with the Spelling Bee. It is hoped we will have a minimum of 8 teams and could accommodate up to 15 teams. The registration fee is \$200 per team to be paid at time of registration. DeAnn passed out a draft of the bee rules, a time line, and the budget. It was moved and seconded to approve the budget as presented. Flyers will be ready at our August meeting. Connie will handle the registration and make sure we have a bank for the food and raffle items. Kathie will handle online registration and it was determined October 6th would be the deadline for registration. The study guide and bee rules will also be posted on our website. Carol and DeAnn will be in charge of thank you notes and Sue will make sure the event is posted on Face Book.

There was no additional update on ARC Reading Club.

John reported that the library has already purchased 50 Play Aways for a reduced cost of \$2400. If they are successful we may want to help fund further purchases. Hopefully at our next meeting John will have some projects that perhaps the FOL can help fund.

After the book sale it hoped that the Bylaws Committee could have a preliminary meeting so that we can provide a draft by our November meeting.

Kathie reported on the Annual Appeal and Public Affairs and it was noted that the FOL need to know what is in store for both boards. Nothing has yet been resolved. We need a relevant member from both boards and John to try and resolve this issue to see if we can get this decided one way or another and not be left in limbo.

DeAnn inquired about a pre-holiday party that had been suggested at a past meeting for the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Since there is an event with staff and both boards in September it was decided that perhaps we would pass on this idea for this year.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Lins, secretary