

Friends of Queen Anne's County Library
Minutes
June 6, 2016
As amended July 11, 2016

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

Jenny Gallagher and Andrea Boothby were unable to attend our meeting so they will present a written report of their experiences at the PLA National Conference to be submitted before our next meeting.

The minutes of our May 2, 2016 meeting were approved as amended.

Connie presented the financial report. Our bank account stands at \$13,757.14 after disbursement for sending staff to the PLA National Conference in Denver, CO. Membership has held steady at 68 members.

Kathie provided an update on our Web Page. It is not quite done yet. Kathie will meet with Rob to determine how to take control, change photos, etc. She will set up the book sale page with rules and prices. There will be an "announcement" segment to alert members of upcoming events, sales, etc. There will be a page for partners and sponsoring organizations with links to them. There will be a "Newsletter" page, as well as a link to Facebook. We will have a window to open up for Board meeting dates, agenda, and minutes from previous meeting. We are also adding a new level of membership of student for \$10.

DeAnn then reported on her experience with the three senior centers book swap. She reported she was thankful for help from Joyce Feldman and Jean Sands. It was felt that there was more interest at the swap at Grasonville, but felt there was not much "bang for the buck", although it spread goodwill. It will be determined whether the senior centers want us back or if there is another service the FOL can provide to them.

Connie then reported on ARC Reading Club meeting held 5/25/16. Mary Anne Lang, Arc representative, and the readers were present. Mary Anne had 8 bios from members and readers. The ball is now back in Mary Anne's court and she will get back to the Friends with names of individuals who will be participating.

Kathie then reported on the recent "Crafting with Friends" event on June 2nd at Wye River Designs. There was a good turnout, 10 attendees three of whom were board members. Fields of Heather provided refreshments for a \$20 donation. Wine was donated by Drapers Liquors as well as several bottles from board members. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Kathie will look into having two of these events a year and perhaps even a parent/child event.

Carol then reported on the Friends nominating The Queen Anne's County Library for the Chesapeake Charities Nonprofit of the Year. The nomination was submitted on May 31, 2016 but we have not heard if it was received on time.

Carol proceeded to report on the Reading Awards for the Rising Up Ceremonies. There has been some difficulty getting names of recipients from the reading specialists at the various schools. Carol has frames for certificates and just needs names. Each recipient will receive a framed certificate, a

Barnes and Noble gift card, along with a Friends brochure. Connie, DeAnn, Mary, and Kathie will be helping Carol present these awards.

Penny then reported that the Board agreed to finance a two month rental of a storage unit from U-Haul in Grasonville to store and sort books for the upcoming annual book sale.

DeAnn then reported on the Spelling Bee fund raiser to be held at Wye River Upper School on October 20th since we now have the liability insurance required by WRUS. DeAnn will bring us up-to-date at a future meeting regarding: time line, spelling bee rules, task list, draft budget, etc. She does have a "bee keeper" (announcer) who will oversee spelling bee. The next planning committee meeting is 6/20.

Mary reported that Little Free Library is on the back burner, not getting feedback.

Both Mary and Carol reported on Storytime on Wheels. Mary has gotten one bag to stitch and found that actually most bags were not in bad shape. Mary will get bags a few at a time to reinforce. They are slowly working with Ethelyn to replace books. Hoping to go through "Read Aloud" materials and integrate some new materials, perhaps from what we have in our donations.

DeAnn reported that Symphony Village Outreach was having an event at the Creamery on 6/17 from 4-7 PM. Their January card party will benefit the Friends.

Mary brought up how we should handle press releases and event calendar submitted to various media (Shore Update, Tidewater Times, Record Observer, Star Democrat, etc). Kathy suggested that we need to have one publicity person, and Mary agreed to continue as such.

Kathie reported that we will have a Spirit Night at Sweet Frog again this year on July 19th from 11:30-close. DeAnn and Carol will cover from 11-3 and Sue will cover from 3 to close. Carol will assure there are books to give to children ages 0-8 as long as supplies last. It was moved and seconded to spend \$150 on books for the next Reading with Friends as well as Sweet Frog event. Kathie has the flyer from last year's event and will ask Casey to change the date. It will then be put on our website, library newsletter, and Facebook. Sue has offered to enclose flyers in lunch boxes at her day care center.

John reported on three items that Friends might want to fund or partner with the library to fund:

- Subscription to *Book Page* for \$480
- Playaway - approximately \$3000 per branch for 30 titles
- New audio/visual system \$9500 per branch

More to be discussed at a future meeting.

Under new business it was raised that our bylaws need to be updated. A Bylaws Committee was formed, members to be Connie, Carol, and Penny. They will meet after the fall fund raiser to discuss changes and edits to be presented at our Annual Meeting. Mary will forward a copy of the Bylaws to each member of the committee for their review.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Lins, Secretary

