

Friends of Queen Anne's County Library
Minutes
May 2, 2016
As amended June 6, 2016

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

The first item on our agenda was a report from Julie Ranelli on the Public Library Association National Conference. She reported that libraries are safe places for talking about diversity etc. People can feel safe in the library environment. A novel idea was the "Anythink" Library in Rangeview Co. Library System in CO that she visited. The library does not use the Dewey decimal system. It is set up like a book store by categories. There was no clutter, lots of comfy seating, and the staff was very helpful. She also brought back the idea of providing "Playaway", a device that can be borrowed that comes pre-loaded so there are no tapes, discs, etc. for library to store. The Playaway would cost \$2500 for a trial and comes with about 60 titles (30 for each branch). We await further investigation. The library may think about having a six month trial of this. They conference also presented new ideas for marketing and creating displays. Julie found the conference very informative with lots of ideas and more workshops than she had time to attend. She was grateful for the opportunity to attend since she came back with lots of good information and ideas.

The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved as amended.

Connie then presented our financial status. The current balance in our account is \$18,293.66 and we have 68 members. It was discussed, then moved and seconded to have a student level membership for \$10.

A service project by the Girl Scout Daisies troop brought in lots of books to the KI branch of the library for our lobby sales. They were engaged in collecting books, transporting them, unloading them, and bringing them into the facility.

Kathie reported on the progress of our website. The board member photos are being landscaped for our website and Kathie is gathering appropriate photos for our website pages. There will be a separate page for our book sales with rules etc. Our logo will be added in a footer as a link. Under membership one can download the application, join, and choose to pay either by Pay Pal or be given the address where to mail their payment. There will be an "Events" link for folks to click on an event to get a dedicated page for that event and again be able to register and pay (Pay Pal or mail).

Carol then reported on the Reading with Friends event at the Kent Island branch. There were 31 children and 19 adults in attendance. Julie and Ann were very helpful. Free books were distributed. The event was quite successful and it is planned to hold another in September during National Library Week.

Kathie reported on the Fund Raiser set up for June 2nd at Wye River Design. It is ready to go on the website. Fields of Heather will supply a tray of desserts (cost not yet known). Penny will be in charge of providing wine donations.

Kathie then reported on the status of a Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A in June. The manager felt there was not enough business that could be generated by our group for this but he has some other ideas and will get back to Kathie with them at a future date. But Kathie will look into having another Spirit Night at Sweet Frog.

Carol reported that there was actually nothing new to report about the Reading Awards. They will be given out the second week in June. Kathie requested that we get a photo of each recipient and the school for our website.

It was reported that the McCardle Center for Early Autism Intervention was looking for books for their library for ages Pre-K to second grade. They need about 500 books and are looking for donations. It was moved and seconded to send 150 books from our donations to them.

Reports on 2016 Activities:

- Little Free Library - Mary still playing tag with Kathy K.
- Storytime on Wheels - Mary to meet with Ethelyn on Wednesday for lunch and further discussion
- ARC Reading Club - Mary reported we have 8 readers and 8 individuals interested as well as another KI patron interested in reading. There will be an organizational meeting 7 PM on 5/25 at Kent Island
- Book Sale - Discussion for need for storage. Penny to pursue and report at our next meeting
- Spelling Bee - John reported in DeAnn's absence. Rules, time limits, budget, insurance, prizes, number of teams, sponsors, door prizes, raffles, food sales, wine, and one day liquor license are all being discussed by the planning committee

Discussion then ensued regarding insurance and it was moved and seconded to pursue looking into liability insurance for FOL. Then prizes for the spelling bee were discussed. We discussed the wisdom of trying to get prizes donated rather than spending money for prizes. If we have food John said that the planning committee would be pleased to have Chloe run with that as she did for Library Red. It was thought an elegant and classy snack bag for sale might be the best bet for food. The planning committee's next meeting is May 16th.

Mary reported that DeAnn indicated that the Outreach Committee at Symphony Village has decided that Friends of Library will be a recipient of their fundraiser.

John is looking into a new audio-visual system for both branches. The cost is about \$8500 per branch. Perhaps the FOL might want to partner with the library in helping to purchase such. John also raised the possibility of the Friends paying for a monthly subscription to "Book Page."

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Lins, Secretary