

FRIENDS OF QUEEN ANNES COUNTY LIBRARY

MINUTES

OCTOBER 7, 2016

As Amended November 7, 2016

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

The minutes from the September 12, 2016 meeting were approved as amended.

Connie presented the financial and membership update. The current bank balance is \$15,423. Our membership has increased to 79. Connie will take on the task of drafting a budget for 2017.

Mary welcomed Kristin to our meeting. She is the new President of the Library Board of Trustees. She reported that as Vice President she attended the Citizens for Maryland Libraries (meets every other year) and they are trying to bring Friends groups into this organization.

Mary and Kristin then reported on the Annual Appeal. The Library Board has agreed to hand over the Annual Appeal to the Friends of QAC Library. At first there was some concern about giving up control but they will be a resource for us. It was felt that this would help clear up the confusion between giving to the Annual Fund vs giving to the FOL. As the Friends take over the Annual Appeal beginning 1/1/17 it then allows the Library Board to focus on the Endowment and other items they are interested in preserving. For the 2016 Appeal it was decided to contact donors who gave in the last several years as well as new card holders and the Chamber of Commerce. Connie and Kathie will observe how the Appeal is run and then help our group when we take over in 2017. It was felt that the Annual Appeal would be our major activity for 2017.

Kathie then reported on our web page. A section has been added for the minutes of our Board meetings. A place will be added for those wishing to make donations in "honor of" or in "memory of" with a link to PayPal and instructions for where to send the check. Then we would show in a bulleting the names of honorees as well as the donors. There was some discussion regarding book plates in "memory of". The dates of our Board meeting will also be added to the web page.

DeAnn then reported on the progress of the Adult Spelling Bee. Things are now down to the final details. Food – Mary/Penny, Wrangler of Judges – Carol, Wrangler of teams – Kim, Ushers – Kathie/Sue, Team check in – Connie (she will also provide money boxes), Photography – Sandy. At present we have four paid and registered teams, 4 confirmed teams, and 2 hopefuls.

It is hoped that we will have a total of ten teams for the event. Mary has sent a request to the QAC Commissioners a request for a Proclamation for them to approve that the Spelling Bee is being held during "Friends of Libraries" Week October 16-22.

Kathie reported on the Family Nurturing Program to be launched in Sudlersville. She spoke to Joan Taylor who is excited about this project and the offer of books (20-25 books). Carol will contact Ms. Taylor about getting the books (from what we already have on hand) to her and taking photos for our website. Mary said she may be able to go as well.

Mary then reported on the Arc Reading Club. She is still waiting to hear from Maurice Salamone for a final list of readers and participants and a possible date for a celebratory luncheon.

Regarding Storytime on Wheels Mary is working on reinforcing bags. So far no further input from Ethelyn regarding any updating of the contents of the bags.

Penny reported on the children's Christmas event. The event (A Candy Cane Hunt) is proposed to be held at both branches on December 4th from 1:30 to 3 PM. Registration will be required and we plan to give each a child a book. We are planning on having a craft as well as a holiday movie along with the candy cane hunt which will be held in the children's section of the library. The crafts, refreshments and movie will be in the meeting room. Kathie will work on a flyer. It was moved and seconded to approve a budget of \$250 for this event. Sue and Carol will look into getting books to give away. Also a volunteer list is needed for our website.

Connie reported that the Bylaws Committee met and worked on edits, corrections, etc. of our Bylaws and she will have a draft ready at our November Board meeting. A rough draft is ready for review by Board members, so please look it over and provide any comments or corrections.

Under new business DeAnn suggested that we again get together for a holiday luncheon and the date of 12/16 was decided upon, place TBD. It was reported that Julie has reached out to FOL members for help with Saturday children's art events at the KI branch. And Kathie reported that Chesapeake Charities is handling the Bridge Run this year and that all the bibs have been distributed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Lins, secretary