

**FRIENDS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY LIBRARY
MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2015
Amended May 4, 2015**

The meeting was called to order. Present: Mary Jackson, Chloe Norton, Sue Haddox, Connie Zillig, Carol Franks-Randall, Penny Lins, John Walden, and Jim Malaro. Absent: Kathie Smarick.

The minutes from the March 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

Chloe Norton announced her resignation from the Board but agreed to continue helping with lobby book sales at the Kent Island branch. Carol Franks-Randall was appointed to finish out Chloe Norton's term as Vice President. DeAnn Cheney was appointed to fill Chloe Norton's vacancy and complete her term as Board member through 2015.

Connie reviewed our financial status. We now have both a checking and savings account in the Friends name. As of April 6, 2015 we have a balance of \$7,184.76.

At our next meeting Connie will present a draft budget for the balance of 2015.

Discussion then turned to National Library Week and our "Reading with Friends" events planned for both branches. Readers at the Kent Island branch will be Carol Franks-Randall on Monday and Heather Howe on Tuesday. The Friends representatives to be present at the Kent Island branch will be Kathie Smarick on Monday and Mary Jackson on Tuesday. Readers at the Centreville branch will be Heidi Garlick on Monday and Sheriff Hofmann on Friday. The Friends representatives to be present at the Centreville branch will be Mary Jackson on Monday and Penny Lins on Friday. Refreshments will be provided at both the afternoon sessions, Chick-Fil-A at Kent Island and The Creamery at Centreville.

John brought up a possible collaboration between our Friends group and The Arc. It was decided to ask Mary Anne Lange from the organization to come and speak to us at our next meeting to learn what they are interested in having a group such as ours do. Discussion ensued that perhaps we might be able to involve high school students who need to perform their community service and perhaps have students from both Chesapeake and Washington College with special education as their major help with this project.

Jim Malaro made a presentation regarding the Library Board's decision to establish a new non-restricted account for library-generated, non-governmental funds.

It was proposed that that future donations to the library from the Friends not be designated for a specific purpose but be put into the "unrestricted pool" and we would trust that the Library would then use those funds for the purpose for which the Friends gave those funds.

The current monies available to the Library are so "co-mingled" meaning private and governmental monies and cannot be easily separated. Jim explained that Friends donations would go into the unrestricted pot for the purpose of helping establish an endowment fund and money would be taken from the "co-mingled" account in an equal amount to our donation for the projects we were funding.

The Friends had many concerns regarding this proposal.

One of which was that our members need to know how our funds are spent and that they go for a specific project.

Under the proposal that is not a guarantee. Also sometime in the future those in charge may not have the same desires and interests that current Library Board members and staff have and we would not be assured that our donations would be used for the purpose designated by the Friends.

Also the fact that we are a new organization just starting out and we don't feel comfortable with giving un-restricted funds.

We adjourned to an executive session and after further discussion it was moved and seconded that on an annual basis, the Friends Board will decide the amount it will give to the Library Board for the endowment fund. The Friends will fund other programs and activities on a restricted basis. The motion passed unanimously.

Our final item of business was discussion regarding a "science teller" for the summer reading program that would be underwritten from our \$2000 pledge for the summer reading program. We will also develop a plan for a raffle of Sally Clark's painting donated by a Friends member for such purpose.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Lins, Secretary