

**FRIENDS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY LIBRARY
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2015
Amended March 2, 2015**

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the December 2014 meeting were approved as corrected. Present: Mary Jackson, Chloe Norton, Sue Haddox, Carol Franks-Randall, and Penny Lins. Absent: Connie Zillig, Kathie Smarick, John Walden, and Jim Malaro. DeAnn Cheyne from Symphony Village was a guest.

The minutes of the December 8, 2014 meeting were approved as corrected.

Mary reviewed our financial status and as of January 27, 2015 we had \$7,447 in our treasury.

Mary also went over our membership status and discussed the fact that we need to distinguish the Library appeal from the FOL appeal.

We discussed that our Annual Meeting on January 27, 2015 was a success. We had a good attendance and heard lots of positive feedback. We had the election of new Board members. A total of 54 individuals registered and we had 34 attendees. We discussed the wisdom of perhaps charging a fee for all attendees, members being given a discount and in the future the fee would need to be paid in advance. It was thought that this would encourage better attendance if folks had already paid for the event. It was also discussed that we could have an additional fee for tickets purchased at the door. Also we should think about accepting credit cards. It was also moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to have our future Annual Meetings in July.

Chloe is sending out membership renewals on a monthly basis.

Regarding our ongoing book sale, Chloe and Connie are maintaining the sale shelves at Kent Island and Mary and Penny are maintaining the shelves in Centreville. We look for additional participation.

Plans for 2015:

Annual Book Sale - August 29th in Centreville only. If desired it can also be held at Kent Island.

Dining for Dollars - proposed by Kim Baklarz as a social function among FOL members.

Spelling Bee - Symphony Village decided not to pursue this event so it was thought that perhaps we could partner with one of the schools as a venue. We will discuss this at future meetings.

Wine and Cheese Event - It was discussed to hold a wine and cheese event, perhaps involving a winery or wine store. Our guest also presented the idea of using wine as a fund raiser. "Library Red" bottled by a local winery perhaps and labeled with the "Library Red" label. We thought this would be a good fall event and fund raiser with the holidays looming it should encourage sales.

Read to children- we would like to do this during Library Week in April and Carol graciously took this on.

Other activities discussed were a road trip to the National Archives or the Library of Congress. Also an Evening with Authors.

We then decided to have 3 events for 2015. Spring - Reading to children during Library Week. Second our summer book sale. Third a fall fund raiser wine and cheese event with our own Library Red wine.

Regarding the Summer Reading Program we have given \$500 to the library for tee shirts. As discussed at our November 2014 meeting we agreed to give up to \$2000 to the program depending on the library's requests.

We also discussed signs and banners needed saying "Book Sale Today". We will pursue buying such.

We discussed making a donation to the QAC Arts Council's Chesapeake Story Telling Festival. It was moved and seconded to match the library's donation of \$1500 for this event April 10, 2015.

The citizens for Maryland Libraries Conference will host a conference for Friends groups September 19, 2015 in Baltimore. Mary and Penny plan to attend. The agenda will be forthcoming.

New business: A donated painting of the former Centreville High School, now the Board of Education, was donated by an FOL member and we decided to use it as a fund raiser and display it in the library and at various events and sell raffle tickets and then hold the raffle at our fall fund raiser. We also discussed the Children's Authors Festival in Princeton and the National Book Festival on the mall in DC as possible events board members might like to attend and gather information.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Lins
Secretary