

**Friends of the Queen Anne's County Library
Board Meeting
Minutes
July 14, 2014**

Amended August 18, 2014

Called to order at 7:25 PM. Present: Mary Jackson, Chloe Norton, Sue Haddox, Martha Walden, Rich Graves, Penny Lins, John Walden, and Jim Malaro. Absent: Maria Sarier.

Vince Higgins from the Centreville American Legion discussed the Legion's interest in partnering with our group. They are obligated to donate 1/2 of their proceeds from their slot machine to non-profit organizations and he told us how we could request their help. We would make a formal request in writing to the Legion Executive Comm. (which meets 2nd Monday of the month) as to what our need was and they would review to see what they might be willing to donate to our cause. It was also noted that we could also approach the Kent Island Legion, the VFW in Grasonville, and that even the elks might have a similar program. He also stated that there was a possibility that we could use the hall for certain functions, although it is limited to 125 person capacity.

The minutes from the June meeting were corrected and approved as amended.

Mary presented a "Quick Report" on our financial status. We now have 40 members.

Rich and Mary met the end of June to complete our 501(c)(3) status and we hope to hear in 45 days that it has been received. The process actually takes 3-6 months. We need this status in order to request financial aid from the Legion per Mr. Higgins.

We have had a presence at the Centreville Farmers Market. And we are looking into having a presence at the Kent Island Farmers Market. Martha said she would be willing to help on some Thursdays at the KI Farmers market.

Discussion of how to promote Friends group centered on QAC TV, perhaps Mary and Rich doing an interview, continuing to put brochures about in bank, town office, various business locations etc. We are also looking at having a fund raising event in addition to our better book sales.

The Better Book Porch Sale will take place from 11-2 August 23rd at both branches. We plan to have another better book sale in December, perhaps to coincide with the "Heck with the Malls" day which would probably provide a lot of foot traffic.

As far as regular book sales it was suggested that the vestibule at the Centreville branch might be a good location for permanent bookcases. As of 7/1 our group has taken over the book sales and we will plan to have members go to each branch and sort and move books for sale on shelves. Martha met with Kim prior to 7/1 and got the prices for books: paperbacks 25 cents or 5 for \$1/ hardbacks 50 cents or 3 for \$1. It was also decided that we should acknowledge substantial donors. Also books not sold after 4 weeks would go to book drop. It was also suggested that a permanent facility for the books would be nice perhaps the owner of West Gallery would be willing to host a sale.

With regard to the Kent Island celebration it was decided that we would staff a table from 10-2 on Saturday 9/6 and have a gimmick to entice participation by youngsters, perhaps a game of some kind. Mary and Chloe volunteered to staff the table for that event.

There was a suggestion that perhaps our group could hold a spelling bee, and members would participate and get sponsors as a unique and fun fundraising event.

Our next meeting will be 7 PM 8/18 (rescheduled from 8/11 because of QAC Fair) at the Centreville Branch. The schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

September 8th - Kent Island Quiet Room
October 6th - Centreville Meeting Room
November 3rd - Kent Island Quiet Room
December 8th - Centreville Meeting Room

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Lins, Secretary