

Friends of the Queen Anne's County Library
Minutes
May 4, 2015
Amended June 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Mary Jackson, Carol Franks-Randall, Connie Zillig, Kathie Smarick, Sue Haddox, Penny Lins, and John Walden. Absent: DeAnn Cheyne and Jim Malaro.

Mary Anne Lange from the Arc gave a presentation regarding our Friends group working with their clientele to assist with reading by creating a book club. (Please refer to Mary's synopsis of the presentation and goals).

The minutes of the April 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

Membership status was reviewed. To-date we have a total of 77 members. Discussion ensued on how to get members to renew their membership and how we might increase our membership. It was decided to set up membership on line with dues being able to be paid through PayPal. It was felt that many of the younger generation like to pay online rather than by check or cash. Connie is looking at setting this up.

Connie reviewed our financial status and provided a proposed budget for the remainder of 2015. The budget was approved.

John talked about the Library's Arts Program and requested support from our Friends group. We approved \$1500 to be given to this worthwhile program.

Carol and Sue recapped the Reading with Friends that took place during National Library Week. The turnout in Centreville was somewhat disappointing but we decided to try again in September to do a Reading with Friends at the Kent Island Branch since there seem to be more families located in this area that take advantage of such programs. There was discussion to try to also do something again at the Centreville branch. Sheriff Hofmann indicated his willingness to again participate and we will certainly keep him in mind. We would like to have an event at each branch if possible.

Discussion then took a turn regarding emailing and email blasts for our membership. Mail Chimp apparently hides information, so that members will not have to worry about their email addresses becoming public. Mary is going to look further into what this entails.

We discussed our planned activities for the remainder of the year: August book sale, with perhaps members having the advantage of a pre-sale the evening before the sale that is open to the public. We think it is wise to begin promoting the sale in June in various free or inexpensive venues (Update, Tide Water Trader etc.) since there have been many inquiries as to when the sale will be held. We are still in discussion about a wine and cheese event in the fall. Kathie suggested we have some sort of family event. Further discussion to follow at a future meeting.

It was decided that perhaps we should hold our annual meeting the end of February, less chance of inclement weather and that perhaps a theme-style dinner meeting would garner more interest. It was decided that a fee would need to be collected prior to the event and that we should have a cutoff date. We could even use this as a sort of fund raiser by adding an extra

dollar amount to the actual cost to help our treasury. The Creamery would be willing to host us and they are able to accommodate 75 people and now have a liquor license. We will discuss this in detail at a future meeting.

Under new business Mary/John brought up the need for our group to write a letter in support of grant money coming to the library from the state. This will be accomplished by Mary.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Lins, Secretary