

FRIENDS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY LIBRARY
Minutes
November 9, 2015
Amended December 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM. Present: Mary Jackson, Connie Zillig, Sue Haddox, Kathie Smarick, Penny Lins, and John Walden. Absent: Carol Franks-Randall and DeAnn Cheyne. The minutes from the October 5, 2015 meeting were approved.

Connie presented the financial report and the membership update. She also brought the completed net profit statement of Library Red to be presented to the QAC Commissioners. Penny will deliver that document. Connie opened a new bank account for FOL at CNB since Capital One closed their Chester Branch and moved to Annapolis. Our bank balance is \$17,282.30. Also membership was updated. We discussed if there were new incentives we could offer for joining/renewing.

Library Red was the next item and was deemed a great success for our first fundraiser. We gained 4-5 new members and were able to gain recognition in the community of what our organization does. The net for the event was \$2854.04. We will decide whether to hold something as labor intensive on an annual basis or every other year.

Kathie Reported on the "Bridge Run". We were given 10 bibs at no cost to us and all profits went to our treasury. This is the fifth biggest 10K run in the country. There were 25,000 participants. Photos are available on our Facebook page. This was a "no brainer" and we look forward to participating in this event again next year.

Mary then discussed "Little Free Library". A Friends member brought to Mary's attention an article about LFLs. She expressed an interest in setting up one or more in the county. We need to explore town and county regulations and Penny will look into that matter. Perhaps we could have scouts (as part of an Eagle Scout Project) or high school shop students build the boxes to be distributed.

Kathie and John talked about MidShore Community Foundation's grants. They do grants twice a year and they range from \$1000 to \$3000. Kathie will touch base with the person in charge of this grant program. They are especially interested in granting children's programs.

Discussion then turned to the digital photo scanner for the library. The folks at Symphony Village are not interested in helping fund the scanner as presented because they wanted more options as to what the scanner could do. John will have more information for us at our December meeting.

Kathie reported on the Library Board's Annual Appeal. Still wide open if Friends want to be involved. They use a mail house for bulk mailing of 10,000 requests. Kathie will stay on the subcommittee and keep us informed.

Next Kathie talked about Duplo Legos for both branches. It was pretty much unanimous that we provide funding for this. Kathie will follow-up on this to find out the cost and quantity and we will then make a motion at our December meeting.

Kathie then reported on setting up a Friends webpage. She made inquiries to three firms and got one response from Scrawl Design. The cost is \$2100 to design and make live the web page. The annual cost is \$240 to host the website. It was moved and seconded for Kathie to proceed with this.

The next item on the agenda was Scholastic Book Exchange. Cindy Eckard a KI Library patron has an idea for a book swap at the library. Scholastic books that children have read would be exchanged for books at the next reading or interest level. Children could bring in their books and get tickets to "purchase" an equal number of "new-to-them" books. Any books that were donated that were not in good condition could be donated to B.I.G. It was thought that we could try this in a few schools to start and see how the program works. Kathie, Sue, and Carol are to followup on this and report back.

The schools also need volunteers to help in the libraries shelving books and at their book fairs. Matapeake has 2 book fairs a year. The first step is that FOL members interested would need to take a "volunteer training" course.

Mary then moved along to plans for 2016. We would like to have 2 book sales a year, a family event at the KI branch in June to coincide with the kickoff of the Summer Reading Program, and some event that coincides with National Library Week in October 2016. We will discuss other options at our December meeting.

Under new business it was suggested that we create a name for our lobby book sales. Perhaps "BOOK NOOK".

It was decided that discussion of the Friends contribution to the Library Endowment would be held over until next year.

Our final 2015 Board meeting will be held at the Centreville branch on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7 PM. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Lins, secretary
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