

Friends of Queen Anne's County Library
2018 Annual Meeting
March 5, 2018
Centreville Library
Centreville, MD

Approved at the 2019 Annual Meeting

Board members present: Kathie Smarick, DeAnn Cheyne, Penny Lins, Beth Maier, Sue Haddox and Elaine O'Neal. Absent: Connie Zillig Also present was John Walden, Library Director.

Welcome

Kathie Smarick welcomed the participants of the 2018 Annual Friends Meeting.

Business Meeting

Minutes of the March 6, 2017 Annual Meeting were presented for approval.

A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Penny Lins and seconded by Mary Jackson. The Minutes were accepted unanimously.

2017 Accomplishments

- Kathie Smarick reported a total of \$21,009 was donated by the Friends of the Library in 2017. This money supported the Saturday Arts Program, the purchase of the Summer Reading Program t-shirts, a staff appreciation initiative for National Library Workers Day, the Wellness Wednesday programs and the Reading with Friends program. Purchases for the Library included monitors for Library announcement monitors, meeting room projectors for the Centreville renovation, device charging stations and a children's catalog station.
- 40% of the 2017 fundraising proceeds came from book sales and 16% came from membership dues. The remaining proceeds came from the Spelling Bee, Dinner Out nights, a large donation from Outreach of Symphony Village and other smaller donations and fund-raising efforts. The Friends also took over the 2017 Annual Appeal which raised \$18,740 from 298 donors and 13 businesses and organizations. 28% of the 2017 donors were new donors and the average donation to the Appeal was \$62.
- The Friends have continued to grow a network in the community. Currently there are 307 members and 26 business members. Facebook friends have increased by 48%. There were over 35 active volunteers in 2017 and 34 businesses donated services or product. Students at 6 QAC elementary schools were selected for FOL Reading Pro Awards.
- Kathie recognized Linda Schuerholz as 2017 Friends Member of the Year for her work in doubling the profit made from the raffle at the Spelling Bee.
- Kathie thanked the QAC businesses that sponsored Friends 2017 events.
- The Friends have been recognized by the QAC Commissioners who issued a Proclamation during National Friends of the Library Week in October. United for Libraries an Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations featured an article on the Friends' Spelling Bee.
- Kathie encouraged members to review the 2017 Annual Report (attached here).

The 2017 Friends Board was introduced. Sue Haddox was recognized for her work with the Board over the last six years.

Joyce Feldman, as current Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the 2018-2019 slate of candidates for open positions on the Friends Board. The Nominating Committee candidates for the two open Board positions were Kathie Smarick and Sandra Seitz.

A motion to nominate and elect Kathie Smarick to a second 3-year term and Sandra Seitz to a first three-year term was made by John Feldman and seconded by Mary Jackson. The motion was passed unanimously by the members present.

Following the election of new Board members, the Nominating Committee proposed the following officers for 2018 – Kathie Smarick, President / Elaine O’Neal, Vice President / DeAnn Cheyne, Secretary / Connie Zillig, Treasurer

A motion to accept the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee was made by Penny Lins and seconded by Beth Maier. The officers were unanimously elected by the Directors.

2018 Preview

Kathie reported that in 2018 the Friends would be supporting the Dolly Parton Imagination Library initiative, continuing to support the Wednesday Wellness Program, purchases books for the Guys Read Program and fully fund the Summer Reading Program at a cost of \$12,500. Opportunities to be actively involved with the Friends were presented to the membership in attendance: Summer Reading Program sponsorship, Summer Reading Kick-Off Volunteers, Annual Book Sale volunteers, Book Sale Table Sponsors and Planning Committee for the 2019 Spelling Bee.

Library Director Report, John Walden

John Walden, Library Director, gave a presentation on how the Friends encourage membership and raise funds to support the library beyond its annual operating budget, provide volunteer support to the library and advocate in the community for Library support.

Featured Presentation: The Underground Railroad & Queen Anne’s County, Jim Duffy
The featured speaker of the evening was Jim Duffy author of *Tubman Travels – 32 Underground Railroad Journeys on Delmarva* and the *Secrets of the Eastern Shore* blog. He told five stories about Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglas and the underground railroad in Queen Anne’s County.

Door prizes were won by Barbara Sharkey and Tucker Moorshead.

A total of 36 members and guests attended the Annual Meeting (full attendance list attached). For the enjoyment of the participants, wine and other beverages, fruit, cheese and sweets were served.

Respectfully submitted,
DeAnn Cheyne, Secretary