

**Friends of Queen Anne's County Library
2020 Annual Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2020
7pm-8:30pm**

**Queen Anne's County Library, Centreville Branch
121 S. Commerce Drive, Centreville MD**

MINUTES

approved via online vote of members February 26, 2021-March 2, 2021

MEETING ATTENDEES: All current Friends members were invited to attend the Annual Meeting. The following members registered to attend: Betsy Andrews, Debra Baker, Harriet Caporin, DeAnn & Sandy Cheyne, Carol Franks-Randall, Joselle Gatrell, Patricia Gorman, Sue & Bill Haddox, Gayle Jayne, Kathy Killeen, Beth Maier, Marian Patterson, Barbara Perry, Julie Ranelli, Vera Shade, Anne K. Tyler, Kathleen & Jim Wilson, Sue & Jim Wilson, and Connie Zillig. In addition, Centreville Branch Manager Erin Neusbaum, and QAQL Programs and Marketing coordinator Allison Wood attended.

Board of Directors president Kathie Smarick presided over the meeting, which began at 7:10pm.

Board of Directors Nominations

Smarick invited Friends member Sue Wilson to present on behalf of the 2020 Friends Nominating Committee. The Committee was comprised of Harriet Caporin, Carol Collins, and chaired by Sue Wilson. S. Wilson explained that the committee had met with and interviewed four candidates for the Board of Directors in February 2020 in order to develop a slate of nominees for the Board for the coming year. (One candidate withdrew herself from consideration, citing increased time commitments at her job.) The committee found each candidate to be well positioned to support the mission of the Friends of the Library as a Director, and the committee was confident that each candidate would make decisions in the best interest of the Friends of the Library.

S. Wilson presented to all Friends members present the slate of nominees for election to the Board of Directors, as follows: Joselle Gatrell (first term), Connie Zillig (first term, returning to the Board after a one-year absence) and Beth Maier (second and final term). ***Jim Wilson made a motion to elect the slate of nominees as presented. DeAnn Cheyne seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was called for and the slate of nominees (Gatrell, Zillig, and Maier) was unanimously approved.***

Smarick announced that the 2019 Board of Directors had previously voted to invite previous members of the Board of Directors DeAnn Cheyne and Sue Haddox to serve as Directors

Emeritus for 2020. Directors Emeritus support the work of the Board but do not have voting power. Both Cheyne and Haddox accepted their appointments for 2020.

Consistent with the by-laws of the Friends of Queen Anne's County Library, Smarick made a motion regarding board officers for 2020 for consideration by the new Board of Directors.

Smarick made the following motion: Kathie Smarick to serve as board president, Connie Zillig as vice-president, and Beth Maier as treasurer, with each office having a one-year, renewable term. Gatrell seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was called for and the slate of nominated officers was unanimously approved by the Board.

Year in Review Presentation

Smarick delivered a presentation on the Friends accomplishments for 2019 and plans for 2020.

This presentation is available for viewing at

<https://friendsofqaclibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020-FOL-Annual-Meeting.pdf>.

During this presentation, Smarick asked for consideration of the draft minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting made available to attending members. Gatrell made a motion to approve the minutes. Connie Zillig seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was called for and the draft minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved.

Q & A with Library Leadership

President of the Queen Anne's County Library Board of Trustees Kathy Killeen, Branch Manager of the Centreville Branch of QACL Erin Neusbaum, and Branch Manager of the Kent Island Branch of QACL Julie Ranelli joined Smarick for a question and answer session about the state of libraries in general and QACL in particular. (Smarick explained that QACL director Janet Salazar had planned to be a part of this session, but was called out of town at the last minute.) The discussion focused on the view by some that libraries are outdated institutions and explored the role and responsibilities of libraries, in general, and in Queen Anne's County specifically. The discussion explored the distinct challenges of urban v. suburban v. rural libraries and how community composition and history affects what is needed from a library. Killeen and Neusbaum talked specifically about QACL's decision in 2019 to stop charging late fees for overdue library materials, noting that implementation had gone smoothly and was part of QACL's strategic goal of expanding access to all. Library leaders explored QACL's vision for the next 10 years, focusing on both expanding facilities and access, as well as growing the programs available through QACL.

Friends members were invited to engage in the discussion as well and explored with the library leaders questions related to the library's reach into northern portions of Queen Anne's County, how (and how much) different technologies were being utilized by library users, and how to best get more county residents actively using the resources of QACL.

With all business and discussion concluded, the meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.