

Friends of Queen Anne's County Library

Minutes of Board Meeting

June 8, 2021

7:05 pm via **Zoom**

Present: Connie Zillig, Wende Woodham, Kerry Harris, Beth Maier, Kathy Kwiatkowski, Lis Cockey, and Kent Island branch manager, Julie Ranelli.

Connie started the meeting at 7:05. She informed the group that former board member DeAnn Cheyne passed away on May 20th. Connie purchased a brick for the campaign in her memory. The group discussed naming the Reading Pro's program after her.

Minutes

There were two corrections to the minutes. The corrected minutes were approved with a motion by Beth Maier and a second by Wende Woodham.

Treasurer

Beth Maier reported income of \$137.69 monthly for the month with expenditures of \$169.49. The total account balance for May is \$40,701.32.

Book Nook money from CV was delivered recently and will be included in the June financial report. She and Connie Zillig are completing signatures for a change in the accounts at Shore United Bank . The summer reading program invoice for \$16,000.00 was received. \$15,000.00 for the kids and teens program and \$1000.00 for adults. Once the breakdown of spending is clear, unused funds will be returned.

Connie reported the results of a question from a previous meeting in reference to the Next Chapter Book Club and Story Time on Wheels. She reported that they are two separate programs.

Membership

Connie reported that after culling inactive members, our current membership stands at 470.

Library Update

Julie Ranelli, Kent Island branch manager, reported for the library. She reported that CV has had an issue with the front door that has been repaired and that Debbie Hardy from CV is retiring. At KI, construction continues until 2022. KI will be closed on June 8th due to a lack of electricity and a lost HVAC unit.

The Summer Reading kick off is June 14th from 10-12 at KI and 2-4 at CV. Need at least 2 volunteers at each site. Help could be used to fold shirts as well.

Last summer they spent very little on programs. All planning for this year will be outdoors so spending will be decreased. There were no requests this month.

Beth Maier asked about the Dolly Parton program funding. Julie will check and report back.

President

Connie noted a recent Bay Times article about the library receiving a national grant to explore racism and discrimination. This will be posted on the FOL Facebook.

The website was updated to include a flyer for the Literary Lunch and Beth requested that the auction flyer go on the website as well.

There were 671 likes on Facebook with 20 posts in May. Two current events, the Literary Lunch and the auction are posted as well as previews of auction items.

Book Nooks

Wende Woodham reported on the present process for re-shelving the Nooks. She and Lis Cockey alternate weeks and bring books from CV down to the KI Nook. There are very few books remaining. Wende recommended taking the very small children's books to the book drop since they do not sell. Beth suggested that those books could be given to the Little Free Libraries. Sue Wilson and Anne Tyler are contacts for the Little Libraries. The group discussed how the FOL could begin to accept books without impacting the library. Julie suggested that Saturday mornings would be a good time for the FOL to have a designated drop off time at CV. Wende, Connie and Lis will meet to discuss plans for going forward. The KI Book Nook should be open until October.

Programs

Kathy Kwiatkowski reported that the Literary Lunch planned for June 30th still has 10 openings. The next book selection is "Pianos and Flowers" by Alexander McCall Smith. The date for this was set for July 28th at Rams Head Shore House. Kathy discussed options of using Amalfi Coast and Rams Head as other locations for the Literary Lunch participants to meet. Future book ideas are: "Eleanor Olifant is Completely Fine " by Gail Honeyman, "The Rosie Project" by Don Tillman and "Evie Drake Starts Over" by Linda Holmes.

Wende Woodham reported that the restaurant event is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19th at Rams Head Shore House. They will need an email address to send to their corporate headquarters.

Kerry Harris reported that most of the recent graduation events were virtual. She delivered the Reading Pro's award packages to the Board of Education. The graduations at Matapeake and Bayside Elementary were in person and she and Kathy Smarick attended to present for the FOL. Kerry will contact the Board of Education to seek a list of recipients and permission to use those names in a press release.

Connie reported that Sue Haddox has spoken to Sheriff Hoffman about reading to children at the upcoming Sweet Frog event which will be July 29. Time of the event is noon to 9 p.m. Children receive a raffle ticket for prizes if they wear their summer reading t-shirt.

Beth reported that the summer reading program booklet has been released. FOL is cited as a sponsor on the booklet as well as on the library website.

Events

Auction-Kathy Kwiatkowski updated the group on the auction progress. Beth suggested we cut off accepting donations by the weekend to allow for completion of the auction site. The group discussed eliminating the "buy it now" option as it may limit increased bids. Beth will see if this can be added later in the auction. The group discussed FOL members having earlier access to the auction. Discussed pick-up and delivery issues. The auction ends the 19th of June. We hope to have all items delivered or picked up by the following week. Julie Ranelli will ask if the library can be used as a pick-up site. Items can be picked up at Tangles on Tuesday and Thursday from 9-4. Wende and Connie

will confirm that items were picked up from the libraries (Wende KI and Connie CV). We will use the list made previously to make sure that the bundles have all the items included.

Book Sale-Connie stated that the Book sale is slated for August 17-21st at CV. We will take donations on August 17 and 18, sort them and set up for sale on those days. The preview for members will be Thursday, August 19 with public sale Friday and Saturday, August 20-21.

There was no new business.

Lis Cockey

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Secretary