

Friends of Queen Anne's County Library

Minutes of Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

7pm via Zoom

The July meeting of the Friends of the Library was called to order at 7pm by FOL President, Connie Zillig. Member's present: Connie Zillig, Kerry Harris, Beth Maier, Kathy Kwiatkowski, Wende Woodham, and Centreville Library Manager, Andrea Boothby Rice.

The minutes of the June 8th meeting were amended. Motion made by Beth and seconded by Kathy was approved.

Financial

The financial report was given by Beth Maier. **Income** for the month was \$1831.04 which included: \$1344.26 from the Spring Fling Online Auction; \$95 in a memorial donation; \$113.75 in Book Nook sales from Centreville and \$202.16 from Kent Island; and \$73.30 in membership dues. **Expenses** totaled \$18,040.58 which included: \$100 for Spring Fling Online Auction; \$150 for Reading Pro Awards in Barnes and Noble gift cards; \$608 for Erie Liability and Directors/Officers Insurance; \$16,000 for the Summer Reading Program; and \$1182.58 for the Centreville Lobby Display Case. Our Shore United Bank accounts were converted from Checking to a Checking with Interest Account and from a Savings to a Money Market Account.

Membership

Connie reported our membership is currently 475.

Library Update

Centreville Branch Manager Andrea Boothby Rice updated us on the Summer Reading Program. Funding was requested in the amount of \$600 for the year to support Crime and a Cuppa, an ongoing book talk series led by Kathleen Wilson. A motion was made by Kerry Harris and seconded by Beth Maier to approve requested funding. Kent Island Branch Manager Julie Ranelli requested funding in the amount of \$175 to support two adult creative arts programs: How to Make a Traditional Central American Clay Pot and Color Image Transfers on Wood. A motion was made by Wende Woodham and seconded by Kerry Harris to approve this requested funding. Andrea also requested if we have 2-3 boxes of books left over from our August Book Sale that we donate them to the County Detention Center.

Book Nooks

Wende requested obtaining removeable shelf labels for each of the Book Nooks. Andrea has some and Wende will pick up this week at the Centreville Branch. All the old art books that came into the Kent Island Branch were distributed to local art groups or passed on the Book Drop.

Programs

Literary Lunch – Kathy reported that the next LL will be conducted at Rams Head on July 28th from 12 to 1pm. The book will be Pianos and Flowers by Alexander McCall Smith. We discussed moving future LL's to every other month (Sep, Nov, Jan, etc.) with the hopes of gaining more participants.

Sweet Frogs Fundraiser – Connie asked for board volunteers to man the July 29th event. Kerry will cover the 11:30am to 1pm slot and Wende will cover the 2:30 to 4pm slot. Connie will send out a request for additional volunteers to help in the event.

Summer Reading Program – Beth reported there are 500 registered participants from the Centreville Branch and 657 from the Kent Island Branch.

Events

Online Auction Review – Kathy informed us that the total income received from the Spring Fling Online Auction was \$1344.26. It was recommended we find another storage place for any future auctions and the possibility of a future Art Auction was briefly discussed. Wende will see how local art organizations have handled their auctions and report back to the board. Kathy also discussed looking into a Virtual Studio Master Class as a future fundraiser.

Annual Book Sale – Connie is currently working up the schedule for our Annual Book Sale. Book donations days will be Tuesday, August 17th from 10am to 2pm and Wednesday, August 18th from 3-7pm. The Members Only Night will be Thursday, August 19th from 5-6:30pm. The Public Book Sale will take place on Friday, August 20th from 9am-5pm and Saturday, August 21st from 9am-1pm with books dropping to half price beginning at 11am. Wende spoke with David Zheng of Liquidation Factor about donating any books that have not sold. He will take care of picking up left over books the last day of the sale. It was suggested David arrive between 12:30 and 1pm to pack them up. Let's remember to pull 2-3 boxes for the County Detention Center and restock Book Nooks.

There was no new business for the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Wende Woodham

Acting Secretary