



Friends of Queen Anne's County Library

Minutes of Board Meeting

January 4, 2022

7 p.m. via Zoom

Present: Kerry Harris, Connie Zillig, Beth Maier, Janet Salazar, Kathy Smarick, Kathy Kwiatkowski and Lis Cockey.

The meeting was called to order by President Connie Zillig at 7 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as submitted with a motion by Kerry Harris and second by Kathy Kwiatkowski.

Membership-

The current membership is 558 which is an increase of 5 since last month due to the Annual Appeal.

Library Update-

Janet Salazar reported that the new library shelving is expected to be in by mid-January. After delivery and installation of the shelving, the three weeks transition period to the new section will occur. The library will cease all in-person programming due to the Governor's state of emergency declaration. They will strongly encourage all those entering the library to wear masks.

President's report-

Connie Zillig stated that donations from the Annual Appeal continue with a total of 298 donors donating \$20,060.00 before PayPal fees. The average donation for the 2021 year was \$67.32. While the total figures are behind 2020, they exceeded our budgeted amount for 2021. An Annual Appeal reminder email will go out on Valentine's Day with a request to "show your LOVE for the Library!"

There is a United for Library virtual session on January 11, "Friends and Foundations Working Effectively with the Library". Connie will be out of town and has sent the information to the board in case anyone can listen in and report back.

Publicity-

An Annual Appeal reminder email was sent to those who have not donated yet as well as a flyer to members about the January 26 Literary Lunch.

Flyers for upcoming events were added to the website. The events were: Literary Lunch (Jan.26), Annual Meeting (Mar 1), March Book Donation and Pop-Up Book Sale (Mar 19-20), Annual Book Sale and Book Donation Days (Aug 23-27) and Members only Book Sale (Aug 25).

There were 705 "likes" to the Facebook page with 15 posts and 2 notifications of upcoming events listed.

Board Governance-

Kim Baklarz, Barb North and Harriet Caporin have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Connie Zillig sent them goals and questions used in prior years as well as interest applications from Joan Moored and MaryJo Dematteis.

Capital Campaign Update-

Kathie Smarick stated that there have been 522 donors to the campaign. She hopes the campaign will be completed before the FOL Annual Appeal for 2022.



Financial Update-

Beth Maier reported that our income for the month of December was \$3,572.84 most of which came from Annual Appeal donations and \$198.95 from the Book Nooks. There was \$2.25 interest from Shore United accounts. Expenses were \$49.34. The total account balances as of December 31, 2021, was \$32,482.15. The December financial reports will be filed for the 2021 year-end audit.

Current Programs-

The board decided to cancel the Literary Lunch that was scheduled for January 26. No one signed up for the event and there were no responses to the request for someone from the group to take over for Kathy Kwiatkowski.

The Book Nooks remain stocked. The end of the year totals for funds collected were \$649.72 from CV and \$1,063.58 from KI. The book donation day scheduled for January 17 was cancelled due to the Governor's state of emergency.

The March Pop-Up Book Sale is scheduled for the 19th and 20th. Saturday (19th) will be the donation day from 9-1 with set up following and the sale will be Sunday (20th) from 9-3.

The Annual Book Sale is scheduled for August 23-27. The 23 & 24 will be donation days, 25 will be the final set up and members only day and with the 26 & 27 as sale days.

New Business-

Connie will apply for the FOL to be included on the Maryland Charity Campaign for 2022. Kathy Smarick volunteered to draft a proposal for the Bryan Brothers Foundation Grant for Youth Programs.

Old Business-

Beth is still waiting to hear from Chick-Fil-A about the dining night.

The board discussed the agenda for the upcoming Annual Meeting. Suggested topics were a virtual reality demonstration by Hayden, information about the Crime and a Cuppa program, ask Janet Salazar to speak about the mobile library and show information about the new FOL space at KI. The board will decide in February if the meeting will be virtual or in person. A save the date email will be sent and postcard to those without an email address. The Annual Report will be available at the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Beth Maier and a second by Kerry Harris. The meeting ended at 8:18.

Sincerely,

Lis Cockey
Secretary