

**FRIENDS OF THE BEL AIR LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2025 6:00PM**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Theresa Stephans, Amy Cedrone, Pat Easter, Dawn Grandizio, Bill and Marie Kridenoff, Leslie and Cliff Riden, Luvenia Woodward, Carol Conrad, Alan Weikert, and Joe and Mary Lynn Bezek.

Ms. Cedrone commenced the meeting at 6:00pm. The January 24, 2025 minutes were approved by all. Mrs. Kridenoff presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

a/o 01/27/2025: Checking Account balance: \$14,399.80 Savings Account balance: \$6,198.68

a/o 02/24/2025: Checking Account balance: \$6,939.76 Savings Account balance: \$6,198.73

The balance of the Friends' CD is \$13,106.83. The CD matured on 2/15/25 and was renewed for 8 months at 3.8% APY. The new maturity date is 10/15/25.

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms. Stephans, sitting in for Ms. Kovach, offered thanks for the Friends' support of January's "Acts of Kindness" which made blankets for foster children. She informed us that the library has signed a contract with BWB (Better World Books) to take our donated books in the place of Maryland Book Bank. Ms. Stephans had one request for "Craft & Create", happening in March and May. The request was for \$60 and was approved by all.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: "Taste of Harford" will be May 18, 2025 from 1-4pm at Vignon Manor. Tickets are \$45 each and go on sale on March 17 on the HCPL website.

NEW BUSINESS: There were no out of cycle requests. Parking permits will be made available for those helping with the Spring sale and set up. Set up starts on Thursday 4/3 at noon. Rules of courtesy for the book dealers frequenting our sales will be reiterated by Ms. Kovach. Amber Shrodes offered her thanks for the Friends' support of "Color Our World", the title of Summer Reading 2025, which starts on June 2. The kickoff will take place at the Abingdon branch on June 16 from 10am-1pm. The Annual meeting of the Harford County Friends of the Library will be held on March 11 from 4-6pm at the Abingdon branch.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

A reminder that no account is necessary to access the Friends' Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089242780747>. The Bel Air Friends have a QR code that can be scanned for upcoming events, see below.

There being no further business, Ms. Cedrone adjourned the meeting at 6:52pm. The next meeting of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors will be on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 6:00pm at The Bel Air Branch of HCPL. All Friends are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Easter, Secretary

