

**FRIENDS OF THE BEL AIR LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 27, 2024 6:00PM**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Annie Kovach, Amy Cedrone, Pat and Ken Easter, Cheryl DeScipio, Bill and Marie Kridenoff, Leslie and Cliff Riden, and Luvenia Woodward, Carol Conrad, and Alan Weikert.

Ms. Cedrone commenced the meeting at 6:00pm. The November 25, 2024 minutes were approved by all. Mrs. Kridenoff presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

a/o 11/15/2024: Checking Account balance: \$12,233.96 Savings Account balance: \$6,198.58

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

The balance of the Friends' CD is \$13,058.96. The interest earned in 2024 came to \$354.30.

Except for a correction of January's minutes stating: Winter Reading "2024" to be changed to Winter Reading "2025" the minutes were approved by all.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Amber Shrodes is a 2025 finalist for the ATHENA Leadership Award. The next Foundation meeting will be on January 28 so updates will be shared at our February Friend's meeting.

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms Kovach announced the Library's 'Holiday Open House' in December was well attended. She had 4 new requests: Summer Reading Guest Presenters for \$2,806, Cricut heat press for \$200, Yoga Story Times and Mindfulness passive programs in the Children's Department for \$115, and a Micro greens program for \$300. That total of \$3,421 was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS: There were no out of cycle requests. The Spring Sales dates are as follows: Adult sale Thurs 4/10 for members only 12pm-7:30pm, Fri 4/11 and Sat 4/12 10am-4:30pm, Mon 4/14 \$5/bag day 10am-6pm. Set up starting on 4/3.

Children's sale on Friday 5/2-Sat 5/3 10am-4pm both days. Set up on Thursday 5/1.

Christmas in July sale date is Saturday July 19 10am-4pm. Set up on July 18.

There will be a potluck dinner after the Children's Spring sale in the Librarian's lounge on the second floor. The date will be decided at February's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: The Fall book sale proceeds are as follows: \$11,095.25 for book sales, \$444.00 for memberships, and \$400 for T shirt sales. The \$1,500 sponsorship for Winter Reading 2025 was approved, including the coverage for more pens.

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 6:50pm. The next meeting of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors will be on Monday, February 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

