

**FRIENDS OF THE BEL AIR LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 23, 2025 6:00PM**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Annie Kovach, Amy Cedrone, Bill and Marie Kridenoff, Leslie and Cliff Riden, Cheryl Descipo, Luvenia Woodward, Dawn Grandizio, Joe and Mary Lynn Bezek and Chuck Parker

Ms. Cedrone commenced the meeting at 6:01. The April minutes were approved by all. Mrs. Kridenoff presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

a/o 04/24/2025: Checking Account balance:\$ 13,910.44 Savings Account balance: \$6,198.83

a/o 05/31/2025: Checking Account balance:\$ 16,103.94 Savings Account balance: \$6,198.94

The balance of the CD is \$13,269.91, maturing on 10/15/2025.

The Spring Children's Charity Book Sale proceeds were \$2,049.50 for books, \$100.00 from T-Shirt sales and \$44.00 from Memberships.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved by all.

ELECTIONS:

The term for Secretary is up for election and a nominating committee was established at the April meeting. Dawn Grandizio submitted her name for consideration. No additional nominations for Secretary were submitted to the nomination committee. Motion was made and approved to accept candidate Dawn Grandizio for Secretary.

The Officers of the Friends of the Bel Air Library are the following:

President - Amy Cedrone

Vice President - Bill Kridenoff

Treasurer - Marie Kridenoff

Secretary - Dawn Grandizio

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: The Taste of Harford, held May 18 at Vignon Manor, was sold out and very successful.

Carolyn Lambdin has been confirmed as a member of the HCPL Board of Trustees by the County Council. She is our contact person for the Board.

Library Spelling Bee will be held at the Farm Fair on July 23, 2025 for Pre-K through adults.

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Kovach reviewed numbers for the 2025 Summer Reading program which opened up on June 1. Approximately 12,000 people signed up for the program in Harford county, with Bel Air contributing the largest amount at 4,029 people.

The Assistant Manager for the Children's Department will be leaving for personal reasons.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were no out of cycle requests.

The Treasurer, Ms Kridenoff reported that the inventory of T-shirts is down to 17 shirts. The T-shirts have been good sellers. Based on discussion at the meeting it was decided to go with a Dark green shirt this time in the following sizes and quantities: XL-20, M-10 and Kid L-1. No Adult Larges will be ordered at this time as there are 12 Larges of the Blue T-shirts left. The design and ink color will stay the same as on the original Blue shirts. Also, Ms. Kovach said she would look into what the process would be if we were to use credit cards for sales.

Discussion was held about having three major Charity Book Sales for 2026 instead of two. Book donations are still strong and with a reduction of storage space within the library it would be a better use of storage resources and quicker turnover of book inventory if there was an additional book sale held. Approximate timing of sales would be end of March, end of June and end of October. Adult and Children's sales would still be held separately. Ms Cedrone and Ms Kovach will meet to look at the 2026 calendar for room availability for the sales. Ms. Kovach also said she would look at the locker space in the library as potential storage space if we use pallets..

OLD BUSINESS:

The Winter/Holiday One day Charity Book sale will be held on Saturday, July 19, with set up on Friday, July 18. Books and T-shirts will be available for sale.

The Kick Off for the Summer Reading Celebration was held at the Abingdon branch and attended by Bel Air Friends members Bill and Marie Kridenoff, Cliff and Leslie Riden and Amy Cedrone and was featured on Good Morning Maryland.

There being no further business, Ms. Cedrone adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library will be on Monday, August 25, 2025 at 6:00pm at The Bel Air Branch of HCPL. All friends are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Grandizio, Secretary