

**FRIENDS OF THE BEL AIR LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 25 2024 6:00PM**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Annie Kovach, Amy Cedrone, Luvenia Woodward, Dawn Grandizio, Pat Easter, Leslie and Cliff Riden, Cheryl DeScipio, Bill and Marie Kridenoff, Donna Bahne, and Diane McGowan.

Ms. Cedrone commenced the meeting at 6:01. The February 26, 2024 minutes were approved by all, with the exception of one correction of the date. It read: minutes of January 22, 2023 and was corrected to January 22, 2024. Marie Kridenoff presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

a/o 2/15/2024: Checking Account balance: \$5,301.11 Savings Account balance: \$13,757.40

a/o 3/25/2024: Checking Account balance: \$4,243.21 Savings Account balance: \$11,197.85

The total amount in the CD is \$7,670.91, earning 4.66%, with an APY of 4.75% and maturing on 10/15/24. The Treasurer's report was approved by all. Ms. Kridenoff learned about the banking history of the Friends' as follows:

First deposit to Forest Hill Bank was on 10/25/1990 by Judith Carr

Date of Formation/Registration was 1/31/1991

Business name in Maryland.gov is "Friends of Harford County Library, Incorporated"

Resident agent is Philip A. Place in Belcamp

Account moved to Mercantile in 2005 and "Public" was added to the business name

Account was moved to PNC in 2008 and our business name is "Bel Air Friends of Harford County Public Library"

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: As of the end of February, the Annual Giving Campaign raised approximately \$13,000. Also the Summer Reading Challenge has raised \$32,500 and the kickoff is scheduled for June 17th at 10:00am at the Bel Air Branch and at 12:00 pm at the Havre de Grace Branch. The Foundation is working on an Author Night Out. The Foundation has 6 new board members. The Friends group and the library as a whole will be working on the Wheelchair Workshop (10/4-10/5). More info to follow.

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms Kovach reported that county wide a total of 3,482 people registered for Winter Reading with 613 at the Bel Air Branch. She made the following requests:

Summer Reading for 9 Presenters, over a period of 11 weeks-\$2,918.82 (amount corrected from the

\$2,000 figure first proposed in January) Romp and Run- \$164.08+ shipping Talent Show-\$60

Pool Noodle Pony program-\$100 LEGO program materials-\$30 StreamWorks display-\$75

The total of \$3,347.90 plus possible shipping costs were approved by all. Growing Up Wild received an entomology collection of insects collected in Harford County by the late Eric Edie, eight cases in total.

The donation was recommended by Friends, Leslie and Cliff Riden, friends of the late Mr Edie. Librarian Kim Truxel hopes to display some in the Streamworks room as well. This compliments a Springtime insect themed scavenger hunt and the Summer Reading theme of outdoors adventure.

NEW BUSINESS: There were no out of cycle requests. The Friends tablecloths have arrived. There will be no meeting of the Friends in May. Our signs for the book sales will read "Donations" for books to satisfy

new signage required to avoid tax responsibilities. We will offer our unsold CD's and DVD's to Whiteford and HDG branches this year for their sales. Next year it was agreed upon to have a separated sale for those items in June 2025. We will have a potluck dinner with a Cinco de Mayo theme on May 1 at 6:00pm in the upstairs meeting room. Call Leslie at 410.893.1925 with your choice of dish you will bring.

OLD BUSINESS: Research on printing our T-shirts came down to two choices: U Brand Yourself on Bond St. and Jenna Hody, a local Etsy shop owner. Details will be discussed and a decision made shortly on which printer to use. The Friends decided on a royal blue shirt with white lettering to match our bags and tablecloths. Spring book sale dates are as follows:

Adult sale starts Thursday 4/11/24 at 12 noon-7:30pm (FOR MEMBERS ONLY. NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS WILL BEGIN AT 11:00am); Friday 4/12 10am-4pm; Saturday 4/13 10am-4pm; Monday 4/15 (\$5/bag day) 10am-6pm.

Children's sale starts Thursday 4/25/24 at 10am-7:30pm; Friday 4/26 10am-4pm; Saturday 4/27 10am-4pm. Set up is Wednesday 4/24/24.

A reminder that no account is necessary to access the Friends' Facebook page and that the Bel Air Friends now have a QR code that can be scanned for upcoming events. See below:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089242780747>.

There being no further business, Ms. Cedrone adjourned the meeting at 7:10. The next meeting of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors will be on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:00pm at The Bel Air Branch of HCPL. All friends are encouraged and welcome to attend.



Respectfully submitted,
Pat Easter, Secretary