

**FRIENDS OF THE BEL AIR LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 27,2023 6:00PM**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Annie Kovach, Pat Easter, Carole Conrad, Bonnie Bailey, Bill and Marie Kridenoff, Leslie and Cliff Riden, and Cheryl DeScipio.

Vice President, Mr. Kridenoff, in Ms. Cedrone's absence, commenced the meeting at 6:00. The October 23, 2023 minutes were approved by all. Mr. Kridenoff, in Mr. Garrison's absence, presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

a/o 10/17/2023: Checking Account balance: \$12,858.96 Savings Account balance: \$11,197.38
a/o 11/18/2023: Checking Account balance: \$12,996.46 Savings Account balance: \$11,197.38

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: The Gala of Saturday, November 4, 2023 was a great success. Proceeds will be used for a much needed new Rolling Reader to service children throughout Harford County. The proceeds alone will be enough for this item. Per our October discussion, we have committed \$5,000 to the 2024 Summer Reading Program and \$1,500 to Winter Reading 2023.

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms Kovach presented two requests for programs in the Spring: "Cemetery Research" for \$75 and "Baltimore's Great Wave of Immigration" from 1830-1914 for \$125, and one for the Library's Open House on Thursday, December 7 from 5:30-7:30pm for \$200. The open house includes crafts, refreshments, and a performance by The Deer Creek Youth Choir. All were approved. She also presented a photo of the quilt made by participants, of all ages, in the program: "A Hand Sewn Ornament". It will be displayed in the Stream Works Room of the Children's Department. Ms. Kovach will be ordering 1,000 pens to be given out for Winter Reading. Any left over will be given out at the Friends book sales.

NEW BUSINESS: There were no out of cycle requests. Profits from the "Holiday" pop up Book sale on November 18 were \$137.50. The next Pop Up sale: "Cookbooks" will take place on Saturday, December 9 from 10am until 4pm. Hardbacks will be \$2.00 and paperbacks \$0.50 each. The Friends were presented with the Tee shirt design to be imprinted for a possible fund raiser. All approved the design by Sarah Kridenoff. The discussion on which business to employ and how many shirts to order is still underway pending some research.

OLD BUSINESS: 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>. Traffic at our Facebook page and use of our QR code remain to be good.

There being no further business, Mr. Kridenoff adjourned the meeting at 6:35. In keeping with our tradition of not meeting in December, the next meeting of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors will be on Monday, January 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