

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

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Amy Cedrone, Annie Kovach, Bill and Marie Kridenoff, Luvenia Woodward, Cheryl Descipo, Dawn Grandizio, and Frankie Bodrucki

Ms. Cedrone commenced the meeting at 6:05PM. The October minutes were reviewed and approved by all. It was noted that Frankie Bodrucki and Tara Casey were present at the October meeting. Their last names were not known at the time the minutes were written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Kridenoff presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

10/27/2025: Checking Account balance: \$13,963.76. Savings Account Balance: \$6,199.20

11/15/2025: Checking Account balance: \$11,040.26. Savings Account Balance: \$6,199.20

The PNC CD balance is \$13,480.16 with a maturity date of 2/15/2026.

During the October meeting, the Board approved to move up to \$5,000 from the checking account to open an additional CD. In November a new CD was opened at APGFCU for \$5,000, with a five month term and 4.1% APY, by Amy Cedrone, President and Marie Kridenoff, Treasurer.

The Checking account deposit activity included donations of \$2,276.50 from the Charity Book sale and \$5 for new Friends memberships. Outgoing activity was \$200 for donation to HCPL Foundation in memory of Mark Hastler and \$5,005 for the APGFCU account opening and CD. Both were approved for during October's Board meeting.

The total donations from the Fall Adult and Children Charity Book sales were \$10,076.75

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

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

The Bel Air Branch will be hosting a Holiday Open House on Dec 6, 2025 between 5:30-9:00pm. They will be having pre-open house activities including snowflake decorating and a mini canvas Art show. Ms. Kovach requested additional funds of \$250 to cover the purchase of a Christmas tree and additional supplies for the open house. The fund request was approved by all.

Ms. Kovach will need to complete a check request from the Library to provide the funds to the Friends group for the Pop-up Lobby sales.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:

The Annual Gala, held on 11/1/25 at the Abingdon Branch, was very successful and cleared over \$100,000.

A letter from Amber Shrodes was read by Ms. Cedrone, thanking our Friends Group for our donations supporting the Gala as well as the Winter Reading Program.

The GameChangers Business Speakers series at the Abingdon Library will have Anibar Basu, President of the Sage Group, speaking on 1/8/2026.

OLD BUSINESS

CD - The movement of funds to a new CD was discussed in the Treasurer's report.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no out of cycle requests.

A Thank you note from Mary Hastler was received and read, thanking the Friends for their donation in memory of her husband.

A letter, from Amber Shrodes, was also read, detailing the 2026 Summer Reading Program "Unearth a Story", inspired by Jurassic Park. Various sponsorship levels are available. The \$5,000 sponsorship level was selected and approved by all.

Mrs. Kridenoff initiated a request to look at options to replace the current outdoor sign used for the Charity book sales. The current sign is heavy and cumbersome, requiring two people to move it. Also it is not very stable during periods of high winds. She would like to look at a flatter type of sign with stakes that can be pushed into the ground. The Board agreed and Mr. Kridenoff will follow-up on options and prices.

There being no further business, Ms. Cedrone adjourned the meeting at 7:16pm.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library will be on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6pm at the Bel Air Branch of HCPL. All friends are encouraged and welcomed to attend. There will be no December meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Grandizio, Secretary