

**FRIENDS OF THE BEL AIR LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 2025. 6:00PM**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Amy Cedrone, Annie Kovach, Bill and Marie Kridenoff, Leslie and Cliff Riden, Luvenia Woodward, Carole Conrad, Dawn Grandizio, Joe and Mary Lynn Bezek, Tara (did not get last name) and Frankie(did not get last name)

Ms. Cedrone commenced the meeting at 6:01PM. The September minutes were reviewed and approved by all.

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

9/08/2025: Checking Account balance: \$13,173.93. Savings Account Balance: \$6,199.09
10/27/2025: Checking Account balance: \$13,963.76. Savings Account Balance: \$6,199.14
The CD matured on 10/15/2025 with a balance of \$13,435.02 and was turned over to a new 4 month CD with a rate of 3.9%, maturing on 2/15/2026.

The Checking account deposit activity included donations of \$7,810.25 from the Charity Book sale, \$403 for new Friends memberships and \$158 in T-Shirt sales. Outgoing activity was \$1,500 for Winter reading Program, \$1,081.42 for Library program support and \$5,000 for the 2025 Gala Sponsorship.

The question was raised as to whether we should move additional money to another CD. After discussion, we voted and approved to open a CD at APGFCU in an amount between \$2,000 and \$5,000. The signers for the CD will be Amy Cedrone, President and Marie Kridenoff, Treasurer.

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

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Kovach reported that money donations for the various Lobby Pop Up Book sales sponsored by the Friends totaled at this time \$256. A check will be provided to the Friends for these donations.

The Bel Air Branch will be hosting a Holiday Open House on Dec 6,2025 between 5:30-9:00pm. Ms. Kovach indicated that she may be requesting additional funds for decorating the Children's department for the Open House.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:

The Wheelchair Costume workshop was very successful as well as the Trunk or Treat portion of the event held at the Coppermine. Over 500 Trunk or Treaters visited.

The Annual Gala will be on Saturday 11/1/25 at the Abingdon Branch. There are two tickets still available from our Sponsorship donation. Two attendees of the meeting accepted the tickets and will be attending the Gala.

OLD BUSINESS

The Children's Book Charity Donation Sale will be held on Friday, Oct 31 and Saturday, Nov 1. All books and DVD's will be 50 cents. Puzzles and toys will be \$1. Set up for the sale will be Thursday, Oct 30.

NEW BUSINESS

There were two out of cycle requests.

The first request was made on Oct 7, 2025 by Amber Shrodes, Director of Philanthropy and Community Engagement for HCPL for support of the 2026 Winter Reading. The Board members approved and agreed through email to sponsor at the \$1500 level. A check has been provided.

The second request was from Ms. Kovach on Oct 15 for the purchase of 1000 pens for the 2026 Winter Reading Program. These pens will have "Friends of Harford County Public Library" on them. They will cost \$.59 per pen or less depending on total volume ordered. The Board members approved and agreed through email to purchase 1000 pens. A check will be given when the exact price has been determined.

Sadly, the husband of Mary Hastler, CEO of HCPL, died suddenly this month. It was also discussed and approved to make a donation of \$200 to the HCPL Foundation in Mark Hastler's name. A sympathy card and notification of the donation will be sent from the Bel Air Friends group.

There will be a Winter/Holiday Charity Donation sale on November 15 which will include Books and media items winter and holiday related. It will be held in the room next to the Passport office.

Mrs. Riden stated that, based on the past book Charity Sales, she has been evaluating some of the genres' sales and will be paring down some genres for future book sales. All agreed.

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

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library will be on Monday, November 24, 2025 at 6pm at the Bel Air Branch of HCPL. All friends are encouraged and welcomed to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Grandizio, Secretary