

**FRIENDS OF THE BEL AIR LIBRARY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MONDAY SEPT 23, 2024 6:00PM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Annie Kovach, Amy Cedrone,, Bill and Marie Kridenoff, Leslie and Cliff Riden, Carole Conrad, Cheryl Descipo, Daniel Phipps and Dawn Grandizio.

Ms. Cedrone commenced the meeting at 6:00. The August minutes were approved by all.

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

a/o 07/31/2024: Checking Account balance: \$11,261.94 Savings Account balance: \$11,198.32

a/o 09/10/2024: Checking Account balance: \$ 3,138.62 Savings Account balance: \$11,198.41

A contribution of \$5,000 was made to the Foundation in September as a Sponsor for the Cirque de Magic Gala, previously approved at the August Bel Air Friends meeting.

Additional funds of \$3,154.82 for previously approved Library support requests as well as the purchase of the t-shirts were paid out from August invoices provided by the library.

Additional cash for T-Shirt sales of \$20 and \$10.00 in memberships also took place in September.

The Treasurer's report was approved by all.

**LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:** The Foundation will meet on 9/24/24. The next Gala event "Cirque de Magie" will be held on October 26, 2024. Ms. Kovach extended the Foundation's Thank You for the \$5,000 contribution. She will provide the names of who will attend from the Library staff after the raffle. Parking passes will be included and attendees must have ID for proof of over 21.

**BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ms Kovach reviewed the Summer Reading statistics, informing us that a total of 19,487 people signed up county wide for Summer Reading 2024 with 6,635 (34%) of those signed up from the Bel Air Branch. Both levels were increases over 2023's total enrollment of 16,201 with Bel Air's portion being 4,175 registrants (26%).

She had requests for \$50 for two new programs: a craft program for \$30 and \$20 for a card game program. The total of \$50 was approved by all.

Ms. Kovach also said the library will have a Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec 7, after hours between 5-7pm. Some funds will be requested for this event but the amount was TBD. It was also suggested that the Friends group could have a table at the Open House. Ms. Cedrone will work with the Friends group to arrange.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There were no out of cycle requests.

Our next election will be Spring 2025.

Sales of T-shirts - Total number of t-shirts sold are 18. Inventory of 42 t-shirts remains. Ms. Kridenoff will give Ms. Kovach a breakdown by size of t-shirts left. T-shirts will also be sold at the upcoming book sales.

Ms Kovach is looking into Better World Books as an alternative to the MD Book Bank. Better World Books requires a minimum number of 40 boxes for pickup but they provide the boxes which would be a savings as we currently purchase the boxes. A storage space however is needed for the boxes until the pickup.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Fall Adult Charity Book sale set-up begins Oct 3 with sale dates of Oct 10,11,12 and 14. Member preview is Oct 10. Hardback books will be \$2 while paperbacks and DVD's will be \$.50.

Besides books and DVD's, audio books will also be for sale. The audio books are all donated by the Bel Air library as they are removing them from circulation. They will also be sold for \$.50. T-shirts will also be available for sale. The Teen Advisory group will also help on set-up day after 3pm.

The Children's Charity Book Sale set-up is Dec 12 with sale dates on Dec 13 and 14, Additionally , Adult Holiday books will be sold at this sale.

The Fall Potluck Dinner and Celebration will be Monday, Nov 4,2024 between 5pm to 8pm in the Bel Air Branch Meeting room. Contact Leslie Riden to RSVP and volunteer a dish to bring.

There being no further business, Ms. Cedrone adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm. The next meeting of the Friends of the Library will be on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 6:00pm at The Bel Air Branch of HCPL. All friends are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Grandizio, Temporary Secretary