

Darlington Friends of HCPL
March 13, 2025

The following members were present: President – Jane Howe; Vice President – John Ruppert; Lynn (John's Guest); Secretary - Wendie Strickler; Treasurer – Allison Strickler; Amber Shrodes

Meeting opened at 1:11pm by Jane Howe, minutes from December 12, 2024 meeting approved

Allison's expense report

Jane's report:

- Big pumpkin was thrown into a yard and enjoyed by the wildlife (reach out to Amber for any unwanted pumpkins because she has goats)
- Prepare for Summer program
- Meeting stays the same day/time
- Independence Day Parade – library and friends do not have a float

John's report: sent out 2 thank you notes – one from Amber, the other anonymous

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Cindy's librarian's report was sent by email

Amber's report:

- Fundraiser called The Taste of Harford on May 12th – we could have a spot to have a book sale there
- Poetry – just read or sing
- Reach out to Wendy Doring about doing a field trip (wdoring@menv.com)
- Jane mentioned the old book house and if we can go in for a 2 drawer file cabinet with our archives
- Need volunteers for costume wheelchair event, 10/3 and 10/7
- Planning Library's Gala 11/1/25
- Advocacy page on our website has been updated
- 700,000+ visitors come through the libraries' doors, 11 branches
- Friends Facebook page is updated
- April 6-12 is National Library Week; there will be a push for a county-wide membership drive
- We talked about a possible Facebook page for Darlington Friends
- CC Amber on emails for things to help be pushed, and send her info on the Our Town field trip idea

Meeting adjourned by John at 2:17pm

Respectively submitted,

Wendie Strickler

Secretary

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