



Havre de Grace Friends of Harford County Public Library

Friends of the Library 2/2/2026 11:00 HdeG Library

Attendance:

Jean Willan	Gary Willan	Jeanne Cooper	Pat Hoffman
Jamie Reilly	Anne Eikenberg	Carol McIntyre	Liz Truitt
Nadine Anderson	Paul Eikenberg	Linda Wienecki	Joe Miller
Nancy Jay	Kim Fillinger	Deb Pasco	Karen Smith
Susie Willenbrink	Tina Lantz	Jan Vanderhoff	Becky Sheirer
Karen Leppert	Janyce Smalley	Tom Burroughs(with guest Bill)	

Minutes: Approved

Treasury: \$	0.00	Cash
	853.74	Checking
	<u>16,447.19</u>	Savings
\$	17,300.93	Total

We had expenses of \$2,600 on library programs, \$3,000 to sponsor Summer Reading and \$56 for new checks.

Dues for Membership year 2026 are now due.

Old Business:

1. Recap of the fall sale: Gary mentioned that proper handling of the credit sales is critical. He reviewed that proper procedure and emphasized that there will be a printed page of instructions included in each day’s collection envelope during the sale. Jeanne asked about buying a new table in order to lessen the congestion around the check-out table. After some discussion it was decided a new table wasn’t necessary. However, we will move the CDs to the lobby area and elevate them so people don’t have to sit on the floor to examine the titles.
2. Linda Wienecki reported on the table cover that Jeanne had suggested we purchase. The cost would be around \$200. She then announced that her husband had decided that they should donate that to the Havre de Grace Friends. We thanked her for that donation and she will see that the cover is ordered.
3. Anne Eikenberg reported on the quilt raffle. Her friend who makes the quilts has already completed the top of the quilt which has a spring theme. She will get the tickets printed (Hopefully the Donaldson’s will sponsor those again) so they can be distributed at our April 6th meeting. The sales will run from April 6th until May 8th. The winner will be drawn on the last day of the sale, May 9th.
4. We discussed the Ice Cream Social. Pat emphasized that it wouldn’t raise much money. We decided that we would try to get a summer date and incorporate it as a summer reading activity sponsored by the Friends. Jamie said she would arrange for people to sign up for the summer reading while there. Hopefully, it will also be a summer social event for our group.



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New Business:

1. Manager's Report: Our new teen librarian, Catrell, has just started and is currently doing some training. Jamie expressed relief that she no longer has to do that job on top of her own! She discussed some of the items on the funding request list. We will need to begin purchasing boxes for the books saved for our sale, as Baker & Taylor which has supplied them up until now has gone out of business. She also described several of the special programs on tap for the summer reading program. Debbie moved that we fund the \$4,625 dollars which was requested, Anne seconded that motion and all were in favor.
2. The dates for our Spring Book Sale: Collection – April 24th and 25th
 Set-Up – April 24th thru April 30th
 Sale – May 1st thru May 9th
 Clean-Up – May 11th and 12th

Debbie, Gary, and Jean met with Gary Turner who wanted to become the person who removed the books left at the end of our book sale. He and his wife will box up all the leftovers (he will even pay for any AV left). He does donate some of the items to local schools and senior centers. He is located in Joppatowne. We came to an agreement with him to help out with the spring sale.

3. As we were discussing donations of books Nadine mentioned Angels of Mine, a daycare center which often brings their charges to library programs. She wondered if we should donate some books to them. Pat suggested enrolling them in "Sharing the Gift" first as they are a for profit business.
4. The business meeting was concluded with a dance by Puxatawny Bill in honor of Groundhog Day!

The next meeting will be April 6, 2026 at 11:00 AM in the downstairs meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Willan
Secretary