



Havre de Grace Friends of Harford County Public Library

Friends of the Library 2/5/2024 11:00 HdeG Library

Attendance:

Jean Willan	Gary Willan	Lynne Russell	Nancy Jay
Adrienne Barclay	Carol McIntyre	John McIntyre	Rosalie Holbrook
Jamie Reilly	Nadine Anderson	Carolyn Foley	Liz Truitt
Susan Osborn	Theresa Bisker	Susie Willenbrink	Janyce Smalley
Zoe Hauser	Bonnie String	Guest – Amber Shrodes	

Minutes: Approved

Treasury: \$ 1,095.86 Checking
 18,617.92 Savings
 \$ 19,713.78 Total

Raffle netted \$189.50.

We reimbursed Harford County Public Library for \$1,368.59 to cover the cost of programs. Gary suggested we invest some of our money in a Money Market account for a 6 or 12 month period to take advantage of the 5% interest being offered. John moved we look into that possibility, Janyce seconded the motion and all agreed. Gary will report back at the next meeting.

Old Business:

1. Jeanne felt that we should change our procedure for bag day at the book sale. She found out that Bel Air and Fallston allow people to bring their own bags and she suggested we do the same. A long discussion ensued.
It was pointed out that the Weiss bags which we normally used were in the closet and are sturdier than the Shoprite bags which tended to tear (partly from being overfilled. Janyce moved that we stop using plastic due to the waste, Adrienne seconded. Gary pointed out that we already have plenty of plastic bags for the next sale and they would be waste whether we use them or not. The vote was 5 for the motion and the remainder against so the motion did not carry.
Jeanne then suggested we use the bags that the library sells (which are considerably bigger than the Weiss bags). She suggested we buy them at \$1.50 a bag – we had to buy 250 of them- and sell them to the customers for \$2 a bag. At that point Gary moved we continue to use the Weiss bags – since we already have plenty- and re-evaluate after the next sale. Carolyn seconded that motion and the motion carried. Meanwhile several people volunteered to investigate the possibility of getting reusable bags donated.
2. Dates for the Spring Book Sale: Collection – April 26th and 27th
 Set-up – April 29th thru May 2nd
 Sale – May 3rd thru May 11th
 Clean-up – May 13th
Jean pointed out that some of our sale signs and collection signs have disappeared and all of the remaining signs are in pretty bad shape. She suggested we purchase 12 of each type of sign so we have some to spare. There was some discussion of the expense for



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- those signs and it was pointed out that we might have the new sign by the library. Nancy moved we purchase 12 of each type of sign, Teresa seconded that and the motion passed.
3. Carol reviewed her presentation about the electric sign we discussed at the December meeting. The City Council approved that new sign at the October Council meeting. However, the sign was originally supposed to be an electronic sign and the access is difficult as the set- up is now. The central library has agreed to fund the construction of stairs to allow the person who will be formatting the sign easier access. Carol then suggested that we needed to consider expanding the sign we voted on in December to include the Havre de Grace Library lettering for an additional \$5,000. Jean moved that we just go with the original plan, John seconded that motion and all were in favor.

New Business:

1. Jamie asked for \$700 to fund guest presenters during Summer Reading here in Havre de Grace. Those will be a science presentation and an event featuring animals. Jean moved we support the funding request, Gary seconded the motion, and it was approved.
2. Jamie also reported that the Winter Reading program is in progress. The Teaology program which we funded was a big success and they hope to do another one.
3. Jean pointed out that our former Vice-President Nan Shull has passed away. Her family asked for donations to the library (not the Friends). Debbie had commented that she felt we should honor her and it was decided to table that discussion until Debbie was present at a meeting. We will at the least donate a book in her name.
4. Jeanne was wearing a t-shirt which she had designed with Havre de Grace Friends of the library on it. She took orders from any one present at the meeting and promised to have them by the next meeting. (We will pay the \$15 charge at that time) Any one not at the meeting who is interested in buying a shirt should contact Jeanne as soon as possible to order one.
5. Amber Shrodes announced that the afternoon Summer Reading kick-off event will be here in Havre de Grace. (date to be announced) Also there are county budget meetings coming up and she encouraged attendance and/or letter writing in support of library funding. Finally, she announced a May 19th fundraiser called a Taste of Harford to be held at Vignon Manor Farm. Tickets go on sale March 1st.

We did have a presentation by Hannah about the teen's programming which our funding allows the library to accomplish.

The next meeting will be April 1, 2024 at 11:00 AM in the downstairs meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Willan
Secretary