



Havre de Grace Friends of Harford County Public Library

Friends of the Library	8/5/2024	10:00	HdeG Library
Attendance:			
Jean Willan	Gary Willan	Bonnie String	Pat Hoffman
Jamie Reilly	Nadine Anderson	Teresa Bisker	Liz Truitt
Susan Lassiter	Susie Willenbrink	Donna Gibson	Debbie Pasco
Jeanne Cooper	Nancy Jay	Adrienne Barclay	Anne Eikenburg
Linda Davidson	Angel Revie	Carolyn Foley	Faith Yewdall

Minutes: Approved

Treasury: \$ 572.34 Checking
 22,766.99 Savings
 \$ 23,339.33 Total

In the last two months, checks were written for \$1,368.62 for library programs, \$200 as a donation to the scout troop which helps at book sales and \$27.99 for the memorial books in honor of Nan Shull.

We had one new member join today : Susan Lassiter

Old Business:

1. Carol was not present to give us an update on the new electric sign. Jamie reported that she had heard from Scott, the person in charge of the work, that the contractor who was picked for the job will not be free to begin work until the fall.
2. Summer Reading opening celebrations on June 17th were manned in Bel Air by Jeanne, Teresa, and Debbie and in Havre de Grace by Jeanne and Pat. Our table at both locations had a display of pictures of some of the library activities which we have supported as well as some of the crafts created at those activities. The display attracted quite a few people and was an overall success. Jean moved that we sponsor the winter reading for the coming year at a rate of \$1500. Nadine seconded that motion and it was unanimously approved.
3. Gary reported on the movement of our storage shed due to the construction of Pickle Ball Courts at its previous location. We were lucky that Carol and Bill McIntyre met the gentleman in charge of overseeing the move when they delivered some books to the shed. A machine was brought in which lifted the shed, put wheels underneath, towed it to the new location and removed the wheels (all while leaving most of the contents in place!). It is still located behind the Community Center but at the other end of the parking lot.

New Business:

1. Jamie reported that the summer reading program has been a huge success this year. They have used the gift baskets we sponsored, which will be raffled off as an incentive at the end of the program, to convince some young readers to sign up. She also mentioned that the new children’s librarian has started a new program where they hold a book discussion of a children’s book while they read it aloud. Each child present is then given a book to keep.



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2. Jamie requested \$2,620 for September through November programming. Gary moved that we fund the full amount. Debbie seconded that motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Fall Book Sale: Collection – October 25th and 26th
 Set-up – October 28th thru 31st
 Sale – November 1st thru 9th
 Clean-up (packing left over books)– November 12th
 Book Pick-up – November 13th

Sign-up sheets were passed around at this meeting except for the book collection dates. Those will be available at the October meeting as well as those for the sales dates. Debbie plans to discuss proper procedure for the sale at our October meeting. We did discuss the clean-up day when the books need to be packed for the Maryland Book Bank. Much help is needed on that day for about two hours from 10 am until noon. Also with respect to the Book sale, Adrienne suggested we put the pieces from each puzzle in a zip-loc bag to prevent loss of pieces. This would be in place of taping up the boxes.

4. Jean suggested we establish a lifetime membership to honor our longest serving members. As we have not recorded the date when people have joined it would need to be an honor system. Pat moved that we set 25 years of membership for the honor. Nancy seconded that motion and the motion carried.

Note: I have some nice paper if we decide to do this with a presentation of this award but I would need someone creative to help design it.

5. Anne asked if we wanted to do another quilt raffle. Gary pointed out that the handling of tickets and money for the last raffle was very poorly done so we needed someone who would commit to better controls, a Raffle Czar. Anne agreed to be the raffle Czar, Carolyn volunteered to be her assistant and to help with the printing of the raffle tickets. Pat moved we do a quilt raffle next spring. Debbie seconded the motion and it was passed.
6. Anne also pointed out that our Facebook page has been hacked and advised Jeanne to some steps that needed to be taken, including changing the password.

The next meeting will be October 7, 2024 at 11:00 AM in the downstairs meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Willan
Secretary