



Havre de Grace Friends of Harford County Public Library

Friends of the Library 10/7/2024 11:00 HdeG Library

Attendance:

Jean Willan	Gary Willan	Lynne Russell	Pat Hoffman
Jamie Reilly	Nadine Anderson	John McIntyre	Carol McIntyre
Liz Truitt	LouAnn Swam	Donna Gibson	Debbie Pasco
Jeanne Cooper	Nancy Jay	Jennifer Cibelli	Anne Eikenburg
Linda Davidson	Janyce Smalley	Carolyn Foley	Carole Hawkins
Melissa Studer	Karin Rohmann	Linda Wienecki	Joe Miller

Minutes: Approved

Treasury: \$ 569.54 Checking
 20,983.75 Savings
 \$ 21,553.29 Total

In the last two months, checks were written for \$1,844.422 for library programs, and \$60 to update our sale signs with this year’s dates.

Gary did point out that banks are no longer accepting worn out and damaged bills so he asked anyone working the cash box at the book sale to ask people for a different bill if they try to pay with torn or damaged money.

We had three new people attend today : Linda Wienecki, Karin Rohmann, and Joe Miller.

Old Business:

1. Carol had heard from Scott, the person in charge of the work on our new electric sign, that the contractor would begin work in October and they hoped to be finished by the end of the year. (Jamie reported that they did some preliminary electrical work this morning and demolition of the old sign should begin this week. Mary Hastler has approved the full cost - we will be billed the \$5000 that we had voted to spend on it.
2. 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 again at this meeting – we really needed people for Friday, November 1st in the morning as some of our regulars will not be able to help that day. As usual, Pat Hoffman has the roster so if you have not signed up to help and would like to sign up give her a call at 410-939-5547.

Debbie then discussed proper procedure for the sale and the collection day. We cannot sell magazines, moldy or damaged books, video cassettes or tapes, and Readers Digest Condensed books.

Special Price books will now have a large “bee” sticker – probably on the spine – to help identify them at check-out.

Only “pocket” paperbacks are \$.50 or three for a dollar.

For DVD’s each “case” is \$1 – some sets have multiple cases.



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(Procedures Continued)

If a patron asks us to hold books they need a sign with their name, phone number, and the date and time they give them to us. If they are not picked up after 24 hours they go back on the sales floor.

The Bag Sale will ONLY use Weiss bags and they should not be double bagged.

New Business:

1. Jamie announced that the meeting room has been painted and by the time of the book sale there will be new chair rails added. The hooks where we hung the signs have been removed so Jamie has special tape which we will try this time.
2. Jamie also informed us that the library is finally fully staffed with a part-time circulation position recently filled. Ours is the busiest “small” library in the county with teen time gaining in popularity and Schooner Cove slated for some updates this winter.
3. Jamie requested \$2,855 for December through February programming. Part of that request was to buy a new Christmas tree for the lobby as some leaky pipes had caused all the old trees to be damaged. John thought we should not spend money on that sort of item. After some discussion Anne moved that we fund the full amount. Debbie seconded that motion and it was passed unanimously.
4. Nominations for 2025 Officers were discussed. As all current officers are willing to continue in their positions we will not need a committee. Voting takes place at our December meeting – anyone who is interested in being an officer is welcome to nominate themselves.
5. Our December meeting will include our annual holiday celebration. We will have a short business meeting followed by a pot luck lunch. Everyone is asked to bring a salad, lunch dish, or dessert to share. We all provide our own drinks and paper products will be provided. We will also hold a VOLUNTARY gift exchange – each gift should cost about \$10 and we hold a Chinese auction for the exchange. It was suggested that we bring unwrapped toys to donate to the empty stocking fund this year instead. We agreed to do both – you can exchange a gift, donate a toy, do both or do neither – just come and enjoy the company of our group.

The next meeting will be December 2, 2024 at 11:00 AM in the downstairs meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Willan
Secretary