



Havre de Grace Friends of Harford County Public Library

Friends of the Library	2/3/2025	11:00	HdeG Library
Attendance:			
Jean Willan	Gary Willan	Lynne Russell	Lou Ann Swam
Jamie Reilly	Carole Hawkins	Karen Smith	Carol McIntyre
Liz Truitt	Susie Willenbrink	Debbie Pasco	Linda Davidson
Jeanne Cooper	Nancy Jay	Anne Eikenburg	Yvonne Robbins
Janyce Smalley	Carolyn Foley	Jan Vanderhoff	Linda Wienecke
Thomas Burroughs	Amber Shrodes		

Minutes: Approved

Treasury:	\$	3.00	Cash
		602.75	Checking
		<u>19,594.44</u>	Savings
\$		20,200.19	Total

In the last two months, checks were written for \$2,377.05 for library programs, and \$3000 to sponsor Harford County Public Library’s summer reading program.

We heard back in regard to our Discover Books Bankruptcy petition and our request for payment was denied.

We are now collecting dues for 2025. Our lifetime members were set as Carol McIntyre, Nancy Jay, Debbie Pasco, and Carolyn Foley.

Old Business:

1. Carol recapped the history behind the library sign for new members. Pollitt Signs has been asked to locate less expensive bricks to use in the construction in order to keep down costs. Once they are ordered and arrive it will take 4 to 6 weeks for the construction.
2. We revisited the fall book sale results and a discussion was held about our missing signs. Several suggestions were made including asking Carolyn Colburn, who lives along 155, if we can put signs on her property for people to see as they drive into town. Janyce will check with the new manager of the American Legion. Several people asked for copies of the flyer to post either physically or electronically. Nancy will get Troy’s address so we can send a Thank You note to the scouts.
3. Anne is planning on taking a picture of the quilt for the raffle and getting details to help produce the Raffle tickets. She plans to get that done at Ontario Printing in the hopes of saving money. Jean promised to see if her brother-in-law’s business would pay for the printing if an advertisement for them was on the back. A decision was made that we would start sales after our April 7th meeting and continue them through the book sale with the drawing happening on the last day of the book sale, May 10th.



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New Business:

1. Amber Shrodes was present to thank us for our support of the summer reading program. The kick-off for the summer reading will be June 16th from 10 to 1 at the Abingdon library. As a sponsor we will have a table which we can use to display our activities. Jamie has already asked for funds for a Circus Science presentation as well as a musical group called the Fifty-7s to be part of our summer programming.
2. Amber also announced the library would be sponsoring another Taste of Harford on May 18th and a gala on November 1st with the theme Rewind to help celebrate Harford County Public Library's 80th anniversary.
3. Amber also asked that the membership get involved with Advocacy for the library as the usual budget hearings are about to begin. The first hearing is slated for the evening of Thursday, February 6th at the Edgewood Rec Center. Another way to help is through letters to the County Executive and the County Council members. There is an advocacy page on the library's web site (Go to "About the Library" and it is the last topic on the bottom) On this page is a sample letter which you can use (and personalize) along with addresses for all the people mentioned as well as a fair amount of information about the library. The letters can either be added as an attachment to an email or printed out and sent as snail mail.
4. Jamie requested \$3060.00 to fund programs for the spring as well as the two summer reading programs and the Black Gospel program put on in conjunction with the Opera House. Jamie did point out that on March 1st there will be a Jane Austin Garden Party to celebrate her 250th anniversary. That will be a popular program so if you are interested be sure to register early. Anne moved that we provide those funds. Nancy seconded that motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Library news included the fact that they are still sprucing up Schooner Cove with the biggest addition yet to come being a gate at the entrance to help the moms keep track of there little ones. Also, we are about to finally get a full-time replacement for George.
6. The dates for our Spring Book Sale: Collection – April 25th and 26th
Set-Up – April 28th thru May 1st
Sale – May 2nd thru May 10th
Clean-Up – May 12th

Sign up sheets for working the collection, sale and clean-up will be available at the April meeting.

The next meeting will be April 7, 2025 at 11:00 AM in the downstairs meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Willan
Secretary