



Havre de Grace Friends of Harford County Public Library

Friends of the Library 4/1/2024 11:00 HdeG Library

Attendance:

Jean Willan	Gary Willan	Lynne Russell	Pat Hoffman
Adrienne Barclay	Carol McIntyre	Rosalie Holbrook	Joyce Ertel
Jamie Reilly	Nadine Anderson	Carolyn Foley	Liz Truitt
Susan Osborn	Susie Willenbrink	Janyce Smalley	Debbie Pasco
Jeanne Cooper	Anne Eikenberg	Anne Hottle	Laurie Jones
Angel Revie			

Minutes: Approved

Treasury: \$	21.00	Cash
	984.59	Checking
	<u>18,617.92</u>	Savings
\$	19,623.51	Total

We spent \$175 for our support of the Gospel Program at the Opera House and \$600 to purchase new signs for the book sale.

Gary had 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. Gary looked into that and it is possible however all check signers would need to go to the bank together to arrange it. Gary suggested we wait and see how much we were going to be spending on the electric sign before we commit to a CD.

We had three new members join today : Anne Hottle, Laurie Jones and Angel Revie

Old Business:

1. 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

The sign-up sheet was passed around again at this meeting. There is still a need for some time periods to be filled. Pat Hoffman will be contacting people about working if they have not yet signed up. There is a strong need for people to work the “evening” shift from 4-6 on Monday through Thursday.

2. Jamie displayed two possible sets of signs for the inside pricing which included the fact that we are now required to say the charge for a book is a donation. One set listed the word “donation” on every line of pricing. The second set put the phrase “Recommended Donation” once under the header of each chart. After an extended discussion Anne moved that we make that phrase slightly smaller but go with that format. Jean seconded that motion and all agreed.
3. Jeanne Cooper voiced the opinion that we need written rules to be posted for the dealers. Our new member, Angel, was there to express her frustration with the rude behavior of some of the dealers. Debbie explained to her that the bulk of the money which we earn at the book sales does come from those dealers. After some discussion, the decision was



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made that any Friend who was working at the sale should take the responsibility to speak to any dealer who is being pushy or rude. Jamie promised to eject anyone from the library who we felt was being too pushy towards other patrons. Angel had requested some time at the sale before the dealers arrived. Someone suggested she help with the set up prior to the sale and if she saw some books which she wanted then she could buy them prior to the beginning of the sale.

4. We also discussed teacher discounts – there is a sign-up sheet for teachers and Home School parents and we are still honoring the 20% discount on all children's, YA books and teaching materials if they can produce a valid ID. Day Care providers must register and receive that discount only on children's books.
5. Carol reviewed her presentation about the electric sign we discussed at the last two meetings. 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. We did receive the good news that as Pollitt Signs is the only sign company in Harford County, they do not need to put that part of the construction out for bids.
6. We discussed the memorial book for Nan Shull. Debbie let us know some of her interests so Jamie will look for a book that fits.

New Business:

1. Jamie asked for \$2,690 to fund programming for June, July, and August. Anne moved we support the funding request, Gary seconded the motion, and it was approved.
2. They are currently handing out eclipse glasses for this Monday's solar eclipse. Jamie also reported that we have a new Children's Librarian, Samantha, who was introduced at the end of the meeting.
3. On June 17th at 1 pm, the afternoon Summer Reading kick-off event will be here in Havre de Grace. Jamie outlined many of the activities that our librarians have planned for that day. The Friends will also have a table with some new brochures to hand out as well as some other activities. We will also bring out the note cards which we sold as a fundraiser a while back and attempt to sell some more of those. Jeanne will man the table both here and at the morning kick-off in Bel Air at 10 am. She could use some assistance, if you are willing to help contact her.

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

The next meeting will be June 3, 2024 at 11:00 AM in the downstairs meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Willan
Secretary