

Darlington Friends of the Library 9/11/25 Quarterly Meeting (draft)

In attendance: Jane Howe, Cindy Scarpola

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Deadline
Secretary's Report	Forwarded from Tim Strickler	No quorum No vote	
Treasurer's Report	No report		
Vice-President's Report	No report	The Bylaws call for a Corresponding Secretary. Jane will ask John Ruppert if he is willing to take this on and be the one who sends out thank you notes.	
Librarian's Report	<p>Discussion about Teens' Night Out and expenditures focused on the cost of pizza. Pizza comes from Mr. Y's across the street. None goes to waste. Registration is required so the number of participants is known in advance. Same for craft supplies for any given monthly program. Currently there is no cap on the expenditure of pizza for Teen's Night or Kari's Cart.</p> <p>A cap of \$100 was voted on at the June 12 meeting for the Fall Halloween themed event. Kids will Trick or Treat at the Extension Building.</p> <p>Regarding membership, there is no membership card that gives special privileges for our branch. But it is important to tell new members that they are supporting the programs offered at our local Darlington Branch. Cindy will tell her staff that it is important to fill out the form and check the box on how to be contacted. Jane said she does not know</p>	<p>Jane signed all existing bills for Teens, Tiedye program, and outdoor chrysanthemums for planters, which have not yet been finished/repaired. Facilities has to do this. Friends cannot volunteer to do the job.</p> <p>Our Friends Group is not going to have our own Facebook page. It's too conflicting and confusing. But we can write up a blurb and tell people about the Friends on the Branch FB page.</p> <p>Since the membership pamphlet does not have a sign up date, the only way the Friends can know this is if a check is written. If cash is paid, the library staff will note the date on the membership form.</p>	For Winter HCPL magazine – Sept. 19. For Fall Décor – October 16. For Dept of Health for Open House – Nov. 19.

	<p>if she has all the forms from recent members. Cindy and Jane discussed how the pamphlet needs to be revised before it is reprinted.</p> <p>Kristin, a new staff person will start in October.</p> <p>Fall décor – Cindy asked Jane if she could help with the outside decorations.</p> <p>Are Friends paying for Winter Reading pens.</p> <p>Regarding the Holiday Open House – Cindy needs to know what the Friends are doing. Friends are providing food, supplies for outdoors. Does John Ruppert want to ask about the music.</p> <p>Regarding the Holiday Dinner for Staff, Cindy asked for a catered breakfast at the Branch.</p> <p>Cindy thanked everyone for the Summer Reading support.</p> <p>Cindy asked about supporting a teen project for third grade and up – It would not be a lot of money. Maybe \$35. There is a deadline for this program. Cindy can probably pay for this out of her own budget.</p> <p>An idea for the upcoming history of Harford County was a gift of tickets to a 250th or something else. It's in the beginning stages. It's Harford County's 80th Anniversary.</p>	<p>Cindy submits the approved minutes to the County portal.</p> <p>October 19-25 is National Friends of the Library Week. We can staff a table.</p> <p>The booksale report is that the library took in \$124.25 for the Friends. The librarians need to de-shelve books to make room for the new ones. They do not take donations from the public because they have no place to put them.</p> <p>Jane will check into catering breakfast for December 4. She will also look into a supply of K-kups for Keurig. Maybe sponsor a fun contest for the staff.</p> <p>Winter Reading "80 Winters of Wonder" runs from Saturday, December 20, 2025 through Friday, March 20, 2026.</p>	
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President's Report	<p>Jane said one outcome of this meeting is to establish an annual budget that chronicles program expenses of the calendar year vs, income.</p>	<p>Jane commented that deadlines are hard to keep because of advance notice for the HCPL quarterly magazine.</p>	<p>Next meeting 12/11/25 1PM</p>
	<p>“Our Town” is still a possibility, but we might not be big enough. We do not want to compete with the County.</p> <p>Jane asked about County-wide programs that impact Darlington: Gala, Taste of Harford, Independence Day Parade and Earth Day. We can make better preparations if we know what's coming up.</p> <p>Jane brought up Water by Women Crochet Group.</p> <p>For the Good of the Friends, the library entry “Color Your World” won a first place trophy in the Darlington Independence Day Parade on June 28!</p>	<p>Water by Women – a vetted teacher is needed.</p>	