



Havre de Grace Friends of Harford County Public Library

Friends of the Library 2/3/2020 11:30 HdeG Library

Attendance:

Debbie Pasco	Liz Truitt	Bonnie String	Susie Willenbrink
Carolyn Foley	Jim Wasson	Lynne Russell	Jean Willan
Lois Broshkevitch	Jeanne Cooper	Yvonne Robbins	Lou Ann Swam
Nan Shull	Nancy Jay	John McIntyre	Betsy Wasson
Jane Freed	Harriett Kessler	Jennifer Cibelli	Jamie Reilly
Mary Hastler			

Minutes: Approved

Treasury: : \$	2,003.30	Checking
	17,886.79	Savings
	<u>77.51</u>	Cash on hand
\$	19,967.60	Total

We opened an account with the APG Federal Credit Union and received a \$100 bonus for opening an account with them. In the past nine months we have spent \$2900 more than we've taken in so we are using up some of our "extra" balance. Jim Wasson will be stepping down as our Treasurer after this meeting. We thanked him for his service. Gary Willan will be taking over the position.

At this point we took a break from business to honor Debbie for her 40 years of membership and many years as President. Mary Hastler made a presentation, Nan Shull read a proclamation, the library staff presented a vase of "flowers" created with the new Cricket machine which we funded and the members honored Debbie with several gifts. Later in the meeting Steve Gamatoria came to represent the mayor of Havre de Grace to thank Debbie for all her hard work on behalf of the library.

Old Business:

1. Debbie reported that she visited Allen Fair's store. He had promised to clean it up but not much has been done. If he does get it into better shape Debbie advised that we will want to conduct a book sale there in warmer weather as it was very cold.
2. Our next book sale is scheduled for May 15th thru May 23rd. At our December meeting it was suggested that we establish a definite procedure for the money handling for this event. Liz established a committee to work on those procedures. Debbie Pasco will chair the committee which will also include Pat Anderson, Nancy Jay and Gary Willan. In conjunction with that we discussed purchasing a safe. John moved that we spend up to \$250 for a safe to be used in the library for our book sale proceeds. Harriet seconded and all were in favor of the purchase.
3. Jean reported that the warehouse is so crowded with books that they needed to be placed on the floor the last time. As a result, we will not hold a donation day at the warehouse in March. There will be a donation day at the library on April 25th and the people needed to work that collection will be decided at the next meeting.



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4. Nancy asked for volunteers to do the signs and flyers to advertise the collection and sale. Bonnie String and her husband will do the signs for the April collection and Lou Ann and Nancy will do the signs for the book sale. Flyers will be determined at the April meeting. Jeanne Cooper will take care of media publicity. Jamie will be meeting with her supervisor to get the okay for the banner for the front of the library.
5. A sign-up sheet was circulated for the book sale itself. It will be available again at the April meeting. In addition, help will be needed for the set-up: Monday, May 11th 10:30-5; Tuesday, May 12th 1-7; Wednesday, May 13th 10:30-7 and Thursday, May 14th 10:30-?. Please mark your calendars and plan to help whenever possible on that set-up.

New Business:

1. Jamie requested \$2,000 for the presenters that will be doing the programming for the Summer Reading. Jean moved we fund the \$2,000, John seconded and all were in favor.
2. Jamie then requested \$995 to fund the continuing programs for the next quarter. Included in that is a very small amount being used as staff incentives to improve data gathering by the staff. Lois moved that we fund that amount, Nancy seconded and all were in favor.
3. Jamie pointed out that the broken window in the front of the library has been fixed. It still needs to be painted as apparently that is a different work order.
4. The tea servers owned by the Friends have been stored here at the library but they need to be relocated. Jim suggested we sell them by silent auction at the next book sale. That decision will be made at the April meeting.
5. The new financial procedure okayed at the last meeting will begin in March. At that time the central library will reimburse staff for money they spend and then send a bill to the treasurer of the Friends.
6. The Havre de Grace library will be celebrating 60 years as part of the larger Harford County Library system in July (that is a change from the December minutes). There will be a celebration that evening (similar to an Open House). Jamie hopes to get old photos of the library as well as art work to display for the event.
7. In the near future, the computers in the main library will be moved and the welcome desk which is in the downstairs lobby will be moved up by Schooner Cove. At that time the library will no longer need the docents who man that desk. Jamie pointed out several other areas where the docents would be useful including Schooner Cove and pull lists. She encouraged anyone with time to volunteer to consider helping.
8. The Cricket machine which was purchased was demonstrated at this time by a very enthusiastic staff member, Julie. They have already made considerable use of it and have quite a few projects planned.
9. Debbie requested that we consider a donation to the Edgewood library as they no longer have an active Friends branch. Jean moved we donate \$1000, Lois seconded and all were in favor.

The next meeting will be April 6, 2020 at 11:30 AM in the library meeting room.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Willan

Secretary