

FOSL Board Meeting

February 23, 2021

Call to order: President Joyce Shelenberger called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

In attendance: Joyce Shelenberger, Kennon Bowen, Casey Musselman, Karen Landers, Deborah Patton, Bonnie Goff, Franci Ferguson, Gail Hanger, Gerald Pyle, Barbara Gough, Jerry Bryant, Tammy Baker, Wally Edwards, and Sarah Skrobis.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Deborah): The report was approved by the Board.

Library Director's Report (Sarah): Curbside service continues. Some turnover within the library staff. The library is looking for additional funding for the Talking Books program as they are looking at some possible budget cuts. Sarah shared how the Friends and members could remind the city council how important the library is and how it has strong support. She's going to email more information to the Friends. Storytime will hopefully be moving outside so children can enjoy the stories in person. Gypsy Hill Park has shown an interest in moving the program there.

Library Liaison (Kennon): Due to inclement weather the meeting was canceled. The next meeting will be scheduled for March.

Book Sale/Donations (Bonnie/Joyce): Book donations can be dropped off at the library parking lot Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00-12:00. A magnetic sign has been created to attach to the car so people can see where to drop off their books. A portable sign is also available. Information will be posted on the library's website. The next book sale is tentatively scheduled for October in the gym at Gypsy Hill Park.

Membership Letter: Wally Edwards composed a letter to go out to Friends of the library reminding them of membership dues. Suggestions were made to draw in more Friend memberships including having posters put around schools and businesses throughout Staunton and a future membership outreach program. Make a friend a Friend is one idea where a Friend of the library would pay membership dues for one of their friends. This might be a good idea for National Friends Week in October. Tammy expressed an interest in pursuing ways to promote outreach ideas.

A second letter was also created by Wally that will be mailed out to school board members, school principals, vice principals, etc., to interest them in the library by making them honorary Friends of the library. Both letters were approved with a few changes. They should be mailed out sometime next week.

Audit (Casey): Audits require two Friends as representatives. Because Gail was president in 2019 she cannot participate in the 2019 audit. She could participate in the 2020 audit but Casey will check and see who could second both years along with him.

Newsletter (Franci): The newsletter was created and uploaded but there has been a problem with the printer. Will hopefully be printed and ready to go sometime next week. A question was raised about Friends stickers and whether they should go out with the newsletter. There was concern about the same people getting stickers all the time so it was suggested they be given out to people who donate books and people who attend the book sale. Sarah and Joyce will check to see how many stickers there are.

Staff Appreciation: Sarah has not had time to ask the staff what they would like to have from the Friends. Joyce suggested that, in addition to what the staff would like, the staff be treated to free pizza the first Wednesday of every month. Funding would come from the Little Lunch Music program. This way, the library can continue its partnership with Domino's Pizza.

Volunteer Form: Sarah will email the form that the Friends can use to record their monthly volunteer hours.

Quickbooks: Deborah expressed some concerns about using Quickbooks. She checked with the Friends of Augusta County library and they use a credit card to pay for expenses set up by the Director and all expenses are cleared through the director. Casey suggested using Paypal or Google Pay. Deborah, Casey, and Joyce will form a financial committee to research the options and will report back at the next Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.