

FOSL Annual Meeting

October 26, 2021

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

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Deborah): The financial report was approved.

Library Director's Report (Sarah): Sarah shared her annual report with the Friends. The primary focus was on how the library continued to serve patrons during Covid including offering curbside services such as printing, faxing, and computer check-outs in addition to book services. Curbside service continued through rain, snow, and the summer heat. Sarah shared some interesting statistics. There were close to 35,000 in-person visitors; 10,000+ curbside visits; 793 new library card applications; and 20,530 total registered card holders (out of a Staunton population of 25,000 people!) This and other information is available at the library. There are also no more late fees.

Sarah shared some online sources including "Creative Bug" for people interested in learning a new artistic skill; "Learning Express" for those prepping for academic tests; "American News" for free access to newspapers; and "Wowbrary" which emails latest book arrivals.

There was an overview of the Talking Books Center and what they offer.

Library Liaison Report. Joyce attended in Kennon's place. The primary discussion centered around the liaison board's status. The board currently advises the librarian. In most cases, a library board advises the council. Because of that discrepancy, the board is seeking assistance from the city attorney to determine whether they are required to follow state rules for meeting in person or virtually.

Booksale: The total amount raised from the book sale was \$4,705.75. It was decided that the procedures need to be re-examined and improved on. Several left-over books which are currently being stored at the library. Bonnie is working on getting them reallocated.

Audit: Some of the forms are being updated and accounting practices have been improved upon.

Election of Officers and Board Members: Karen Landers was voted in to serve a second two-year term as Secretary (ending 2023); Deborah Patton voted in to serve an

additional year as Treasurer (ending 2022); Franci Ferguson and Gail Hanger voted on to serve two more years on the board (ending 2023).

The following people were presented to the board as potential members: JoAnn Tigert, Linda Chapman, and Susan Arnold. The board officially nominated them and the vote will be put forward at the next annual meeting.

Joy Ingram was presented for the open President-Elect position. The board officially nominated her and the vote will be held at the next annual meeting.

Amendment to Bylaws: The amendment to add a “couple’s annual membership” and “couples lifetime membership” to the Friends membership form was voted on and passed.

Newsletter: The board decided not to print a December newsletter. The next one will come out in the spring.

Guest Speaker: Kennon introduced guest speaker Mary Evans Lott. Mary is involved in two scholarship programs including Valley Scholars. Both the board and Sarah reached out offering their services for the program. Each scholar is required to perform a certain number of community service hours and the idea was presented to have them help with next years’ book sale. Mary can be reached at maryevanslott@gmail.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

The final board meeting for 2021 will be November 23rd at 2:00 via Zoom.