



FOSL Board Meeting

Minutes

February 22, 2022

Call to Order: Kennon called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

In Attendance: Tammy Baker, Kennon Bowen, Jerry Bryant, Linda Chapman, Franci Ferguson, Gail Hanger, Karen Landers, Deborah Patton, Joyce Shelenberger, Sarah Skrobis

Guest Speaker: Lizzy Hill, Youth Services Librarian, spoke to the group. Youth Services includes children's and teen collections, story times, outreach, Teen Advisory Board, crafts, and Anime. She mentioned that they would like a modular table so study groups could separate and work in smaller groups. They will have a booth at the Staunton Farmers Market in April. It was suggested that the Friends provide brochures and tote bags for the event.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 2022 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Deborah): The treasurer's report was discussed and accepted. Deborah mentioned she is in the final year of her term and is in the process of updating the treasurer's responsibilities and noting where everything is.

Library Director's Report (Sarah): The library re-opened on February 3rd. The Talking Books office now has iBill readers which can help people with low or no vision to decipher currency. The library now has two high-powered telescopes that are available to rent. They come with instructions and safety features. There are eleven new touch screen public computers which will be available next month. Sarah is working on a new strategic plan and is asking the Friends for help in bringing attention to the needs of the library so the library can move forward.

Library Advisory Committee (Kennon): The committee discussed the large scale improvements the library needs and how to get the money. One solution is to break down the needs into making smaller segments. The primary goal is to get the City to commit to long-term services for the library. The Friends can help by contacting local representatives to let them know where a large portion of the City money should go. The library is competing with the baseball stadium and the fire department. It is also important for the City to realize that funding can't come solely from the Foundation and Friends.

**Old Business:**

Booksale (Joyce): A contract is being written for Light Foot Fulfillment to sell book sale books online. They are asking for access to the books on the morning of Preview Night. Concern was expressed that this might limit the newer, more popular books available for the patrons. This might also involve the Booksale Express which is currently handled by library staff and become the responsibility of the Friends. This topic is under discussion but one solution may be to have the bookseller handle on-line sales for this year and take bids from other sellers for the following year. Better World Books: Anyone who is volunteering to scan books for Better World Books will need to alert the library when they are planning on coming. A calendar will be developed to show who and when they will come and record their hours. **The City is now requiring volunteers sign a waiver.**

Newsletter (Franci): The cost of paper is skyrocketing. The Friends discussed whether to take the newsletter online. It was suggested that the upcoming newsletter be printed and include information about going online so the patrons will be aware of what is going to happen. There should also be a place where people can send in their email addresses so no one is missed. There may be a small printing that can be left at the front desk for people who aren't able to access the Internet.

Karen Pugh Honorary: The money from this will go to purchasing the modular table for Lizzy Hill's department.

Little Lunch Music (Jerry): A meeting room assessment was made by the committee. They are working on a budget for any room changes. The piano will need to be removed as they now have a keyboard. It is important to remember that whatever is done to the room will affect other meetings and events that take place in that room.

Bulletin Board: The current Friends brochures need to be updated to reflect the changes in membership fees. Labels will be made reflecting the changes and then put on the brochures.

New Business:

Music Event: There was a discussion about holding an outdoor music event at the library this summer. In considering the grounds it was determined the event would need to be in the parking lot because the rest of the grounds are not easily accessible to everyone.

Use of Local Authors: Local author Elizabeth Catte (*Pure America*) has agreed to be a part of an online book event for adults.

Scholarship Committee: A committee was formed to read applications.

The meeting adjourned at 3:33pm. The next meeting is March 22nd at 2:00pm.