



FOSL Annual Meeting
Minutes
October 25, 2022

Call to Order: Joy called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

In Attendance: Tammy Baker, Jerry Bryant, Linda Chapman, Franci Ferguson, Bonnie Goff, Gail Hanger, Joy Ingram, Deirdre Kellner, Karen Landers, Deborah Patton, Joyce Shelenberger, Sarah Skrobis

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

Treasurer's Report (Deborah): Between the book cart, book sale, and on-line book sales the Friends have earned \$5,700 so far. This amount is projected to reach \$7,200 once the on-line sale is complete. Sales of book totes have also increased now that more people are returning to the library.

President's Report: (read by Joyce from Kennon's email): The friends have accomplished a lot this year. There is new carpet and a new keyboard in the meeting room, a new bulletin board on the main library floor, the annual book sale, the scholarship, and Book Page which is free to the general public. The Little Lunch Music Program was put on hold during the pandemic and the plan is to have the monthly event return in April 2023.

Library Director's Report (Sarah): The library has returned to pre-Covid service. It is currently the only library open full time, seven days a week and until 9:00 p.m. on several days. There are new computers for the public to use. Library staff have distributed 1,400+ Covid test kits. They have purchased two telescopes. The Summer Reading Program participation increased 138% from last year. The Talking Books Center has an annual circulation of 15,790 with 44 new registered patrons. They are the first Virginia organization to partner with the Bureau of Engraving to purchase iBill readers that can tell a visually impaired user what paper currency they are using.

There are challenges in staffing and communications. The facility was built in 1917 and converted into a library in 1995 and is showing its age. There are multiple maintenance needs. The library is asking Capital improvements for \$65,000 to fund a space study in order to determine the various renovation phases.

Newsletter (Franci): The idea to transition from a paper newsletter to an online one began during Covid. With the soaring cost of paper the move to online was necessary. There are still 25 members, however, who rely on paper newsletters so there are still cost involved. The current cost for printing a limited supply is equivalent to the cost of doing a full printing two years ago. Franci will be sending out email blasts once a month to members to keep them up to date on anything new.



Booksale (Bonnie): This years book sale was among the smoothest ever run. Between the volunteers and other workers they managed an effective, organized sale. The sale made over \$5,000 while online sales are still ongoing.

Nomination for Honorary Lifetime Membership (Bonnie): Bonnie nominated long-time members Mr. and Mrs. Oakes for honorary lifetime memberships. The motion was approved.

Officers for 2023 and New Board Members: The friends voted on and approved Howard Kator as President-Elect; Deirdre Kellner as Treasurer; and second terms for Jerry Bryant, Tammy Baker, and Bonnie Goff.

The official meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm. Guest speaker Makeba Robinson spoke following a 10-minute break.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 22nd at 5:30 p.m.