



FOSL Board Meeting
Minutes
May 24, 2022

Call to Order: Kennon called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

In Attendance: Susan Arnold, Kennon Bowen, Jerry Bryant, Linda Chapman, Franci Ferguson, Bonnie Goff, Gail Hanger, Joy Ingram, Karen Landers, Deborah Patton, JoAnn Tigert, Deirdre Kellner, Sarah Skrobis

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

Treasurer's Report (Deborah): The treasurer's report was discussed and accepted.

Membership: One member is making a monthly donation through Paypal. Another is donating through their workplace through payroll deductions. These are new ideas and could be something to think about going forward. Could the Friends suggest that people approach their employers to see whether they would match their donations? Maybe this should be added to the newsletter.

Library Director's Report (Sarah): Strategic plan has been submitted and approved. The library now has \$168,000 available to them. There were over 300 responses from Staunton residents on what they would like to see for the library. The summer reading program is kicking off June 1st. The library will be closed on Sundays now until September. The city budget made note of a cost of living adjustment and pay increase for the library employees.

Auxiliary Board: There is nothing new to report.

Old Business:

Book Collection and Sale (Bonnie): Book collections are going well. A box of Chinese comic books was donated and consequently sold online. A box of books worth about \$30 was sold online for \$25. The book collection will continue through August. Everything will be organized in September for the October sale. It is requested that any donated books that are unsellable be tossed as they come in.

Newsletter (Franci): Ideas for the fall newsletter are requested. The Annual Meeting will be advertised along with the guest speaker. Franci will need to know soon whether the meeting will be via zoom or in person. Some members have not included their email address with their donation. There is concern they may not receive the newsletter without it. Members of the board are currently checking email addresses but hard copies to the newsletter could be made available at the checkout desk. The board will contact Wally to see about sending out an e-blast reminder for membership renewal.



LLM (Jerry): The keyboard is set up but has been stored away to make room in the meeting room. There is now space for it to be brought out and the staff will have access to it. Jerry has requested expert advice regarding the purchase of stage lighting, set up, and storage. A piece on the new keyboard will be added to the newsletter.

New Business:

Membership Ideas: Franci mentioned how her community has welcome bags filled with local information that they give to anyone new to the community. Friends could fill tote bags with giveaways, library card applications and membership information. Sarah suggested partnering with realtors and welcome committees. The tourist center will be checked to be sure they are stocked with membership information.

Storytime: To promote Storytime, the children's department is working on an ocean mural called "Oceans of Possibilities". Children are challenged with "filling the ocean" with animal cutouts. The goal is to have at least 200 animal cutouts represented on the wall. The board has agreed to donate \$200 once they have reached that goal.

A picture of the mural will be included in the newsletter.

Memorandum of Agreement: Sarah requested a memorandum be created between the Friends and the library to lay down firm guidelines between the two. JoAnn and Karen will work with Sarah on this.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

The next meeting is June 28th at 5:30pm.