



FOSL Board Meeting

Minutes September 27, 2022

Call to order : Joy called the meeting to order at 5:34pm

In Attendance: Tammy Baker, Jerry Bryant, Franci Ferguson, Bonnie Goff, Gail Hanger, Joy Ingram, Deborah Patton, Joyce Shelenberger

Minutes: Minutes from August 2022 meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report (Deborah): The Treasurer's report was accepted with the comment regarding the audit held on September 8. There were a couple of items that the auditor requested more information about. The audit will be finished on October 3.

Library Director's Report (Sarah): The library is again open on Sundays. The library is open 68 hours a week and is the only local library to be open that many hours. Sarah is hiring for four part-time positions. The Calendar of events is full. There was an incident of vandalism recently in the garden and some littering problems that Sarah had to address. There are security cameras in place for the library grounds. Sarah is making a formal request to the city administration for a space study to be performed on this facility. The last study was done in 2014.

Advisory Board (Joy/Sarah): The board has been actively reviewing their bylaws as well as reviewing and developing procedures for the public being permitted to speak at the meetings. Current situations in other libraries nationwide have created a concern and a need to be prepared if any problems should arise in our area regarding censorship of library materials. Some board members have attended the United for Libraries virtual conferences.

Old Business

Book collections and Book Sale (Bonnie&Joyce): The banner/sign is to be put up by Public Works on the basketball fence at the library. Bonnie explained the schedule for the first day of the book sale. Treasurer Deborah will make sure money is left with Barbara Madison to be given to Bonnie for the sale. Any open, packed boxes in the sorting room will be accumulated together and offered as 'mixed categories' at the sale. Doors will not open until 10:00 for the volunteers to start entering the Gypsy Hill Gym on the first day of the sale. Bonnie will provide lunch for the volunteers.

Newsletter (Franci): Many thanks were expressed to Sarah for helping get the email addresses set up through MailChimp for the digital newsletter. There are still 89 newsletters printed that affect the bulk mailing permit. Discussion will need to be made by the board when developing the budget for 2023 as to how to handle the bulk mail permit, etc. Franci has successfully sent out email blasts regarding the Book Sale, the Annual Meeting, the guest speaker for 2022. She has several ideas for future mailings.

Audit (Joy): There are a couple of items to be discussed further on October 3, 2022 when the audit team hopes to finish the audit.



Little Lunch Music (Jerry) : The lighting consultant Jerry had lined up for information/help is no longer available. Jerry has another contact and will update the board later. There was discussion on the possibility of starting the LLM program in 2023. The month of April is a goal to be considered. The schedule will be the first Thursday of the month from 12:00 noon to 1:00 as previously scheduled for this program.

Annual Meeting (Joy): The guest speaker has changed to Makebe Robinson. Joy provided information regarding the speaker to Franci for the eblasts to be sent out to all members. There will also be posters with information about Makebe placed through the library prior to the Annual meeting. Set up for the meeting will start around 5:30 with Joy and Joyce volunteering to set up chairs, etc. Bonnie offered to provide snacks for the meeting.

Officers for 2023 and new board members (Joyce): After much discussion, it was determined that Bonnie Goff would serve a second two year term. Howard Kator agreed to accept the position of President-Elect.

New Business:

Lifetime Membership (Bonnie): A motion was made before the board to nominate Ann Oakes and her husband to a Lifetime Membership to the Friends of Staunton Library. The motion was approved.

Honorarium Amount (Deborah): The board decided the time to change the dollar amount for guest speakers for the annual meeting and for the performers at Little Lunch Music program should be determined at the January meeting of the new board when the budget is established.

Future Book Sale: Bonnie has the date for 2023 book sale to be held in Gypsy Hill Gym. There was discussion about ideas for types of book sales that could be held within the library facility, such as a specific category of books to be offered once a month or quarterly. This will be further discussed with the new board in 2023.

Next year's Annual meeting (Joyce): Joyce offered some ideas for the 2023 Annual meeting.

- 1.) Scholarships that the Friends provide. Perhaps a recipient of the scholarship could be asked to speak at the meeting regarding how receiving the scholarship helped them in their career.
- 2.) Talking Book Center. Perhaps a representative from TBC could speak on the funds received from the Friends and how that donation helps that organization.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34pm. The Next meeting is the Annual Meeting on October 25, 2023 at 6:30pm in the 2nd floor Meeting Room.