

Friends of the Staunton Public Library

October 23, 2018

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

A quorum was met.

Treasurers Report: Reviewed.

Comments: It was a great year for the Friends.

- We had two great book sales.
- The Friends are in the process of reupholstering the chairs. One of the chairs that had been reupholstered was shown. H&R Contracting assisting the Friends with fundraising. Feel free to sponsor a chair or split a chair.
- TAB Scholarship Program. First recipient is Anna Belle Lihos. She will be attending college in Georgia.
- Membership Survey: Invited members to fill out their survey. The Friends would like to know if we are serving the needs of the members and how better to serve them.

Library Director's Report:

- The library has seen a huge increase in digital media use, up 26% over last year.
- New Strategic Plan: Great strides are being made in meeting these goals.
- The library wants to be about connections. Removing barriers to access. Also eliminated fines on children's cards.
- Genealogy room is now open. You will no longer need a key to have access to this collection.
- Summer reading program was consolidated between the three libraries.
- Working on a new logo "Valley Libraries Connection".
- Talking Book Center: Has new employees with new enthusiasm.

Election of new board members:

Gail Dunn – President

Casey Musselman – President Elect

Deborah Patton – Treasurer

Julia Kiessling – Board Member

JoAnn Tigert – Board Member

Joy Ingram – Board Member

There being no other candidates from the floor a motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed candidates. The above candidates were voted onto the 2019 board unanimously.

Amendments to Bylaws:

Article 3, Section 2 to more fully and clearly define the types of membership in the organization. Passed.

Article 3, Section 5 – Current language allows dues to be payable for the new fiscal year after the close of the fall book sale. New language would have the dues payable for the new fiscal year after January 1st. Dues received any time in the current fiscal year would only be applied that that fiscal year. Did not pass. Current language stands.

Meeting was adjourned 7:00 pm.

Annual Meeting Program was presented by David Simms and his book *Fear the Reaper*.