FRIENDS OF THE BEL AIR LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MONDAY APRIL 28, 2025 6:00PM

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Amy Cedrone, Annie Kovach, Pat Easter, Dawn Grandizio, Bill and Marie Kridenoff, Leslie and Cliff Riden, Luvenia Woodward, Alan Weikert, Carole Conrad.

Ms. Cedrone commenced the meeting at 6:00pm. The March 24, 2025 minutes were approved by all. Mrs. Kridenoff presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

a/o 03/24/2025: Checking Account balance: \$6,947.76 Savings Account balance: \$6,198.78 a/o 04/24/2025: Checking Account balance: \$13,910.44 Savings Account balance: \$6,198.83

The balance of the Friends' CD is \$13,187.44.

The Spring Adult Charity Book sale proceeds are as follows:

\$8,087.50 in sales, \$254 in memberships, and \$80 for Friends' t-shirts for a total of \$8,421.50.

The Treasure's report was approved by all.

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms. Kovach announced the opening for Summer Reading will be June 1 and that outreach events have been planned. The Summer Reading kickoff will be at the Abingdon Branch on June 16 from 10am until 1pm. She had one request for an Adult program to be scheduled on September 6, 2025 featuring Kenneth Serfass, Gunnery Sgt, USMC, retired. He is a living historian portraying Ulysses S. Grant. His program is titled "Leadership Lessons from West Point". The request was for \$350 and was approved by all.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: "Taste of Harford" will be held on May 18, 2025 from 1-4pm at Vignon Manor. Proceeds benefit Harford Co. Public Library programs, resources, and services. This year's annual Gala will have an 80's theme and will be held on November 1, 2025. More details to come. Tickets are \$175 each.

NEW BUSINESS: There were no out of cycle requests. Our next pot luck gathering is scheduled for May 14, 2025 at 6pm in the Librarians' break room on the second floor of the library. The online membership form for the Friends of the Library is now in operation. It is only for the purpose of showing interest. It is accessible through the library's website by searching "about the library", and then, "Friends". After filling in the form, you will be contacted with further details for joining the Friends group. Being a paid member entitles one to participate in shopping on the first day of our sales. Payments for dues can be made at the library's circulation desk after filling out a membership form available at the library. All are welcome. There will be an election for a new Secretary of the Bel Air Friends on June 23 at the board meeting at the Bel Air Branch. If you have a nominee or would like to nominate yourself for that position, please email those names to one of the three folks on the nominating committee. They are:

Cliff Riden cliride@verizon.net
Luvenia Woodward luvenia3@verizon.net
Alan Weikert aweikert@hotmail.com

Nominations must be submitted by June 9th, 2 weeks before the board meeting on June 23. You must be present at the meeting to vote.

OLD BUSINESS: Friends t-shirts are still available in sizes L, 2XL, and 5XL. They will continue to be for sale at the book sales.

A reminder that no account is necessary to access the Friends' Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089242780747. The Bel Air Friends have a QR code that can be scanned for upcoming events, see below.

There being no further business, Ms. Cedrone adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm. In keeping with the tradition of not meeting in May, THE NEXT MEETING of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors will be on Monday, JUNE 23,2025 at 6:00pm at The Bel Air Branch of HCPL. All Friends are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Easter, Secretary

