

**FRIENDS OF THE BEL AIR LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

MONDAY JUNE 24, 2024 6:00PM

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Annie Kovach, Amy Cedrone, Pat Easter, Sarah Towson, Chuck Parker, Bill and Marie Kridenoff, Leslie and Cliff Riden, and Luvenia Woodward.

Ms. Cedrone commenced the meeting at 6:00. The April 22, 2024 minutes were approved by all. Mrs. Kridenoff presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

a/o 04/23/2024: Checking Account balance: \$12,695.16 Savings Account balance: \$11,197.94

a/o 05/31/2024: Checking Account balance: \$11,850.73 Savings Account balance: \$11,198.13

The Spring Adult book sale profits were \$8,094.25 in sales and \$437.00 in memberships.
The Spring Children's book sale profits were \$2,274.00 in sales and \$18.00 in memberships.
The Treasurer's report was approved by all.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: The Foundation hosted "The Taste of Harford" as an annual fundraiser in May. The next Gala event "Night Circus" will be held on October 26, 2024. The Foundation's end of year dinner was held on June 25, 2024 at the Liriodendron.

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms Kovach announced that the Library will be closed on July 5th as well as July 4th this year. She informed us that a total of 12,984 people signed up county wide for Summer Reading as of June 24th, with 4,615 of those signed up at the Bel Air Branch. She had requests for a \$50 gift card to be used for a drawing after the Summer reading program, \$200 for supplies for a Shirt Blocking program, and \$50 for supplies for the Stuffed Animal Portrait Program. The total of \$300 was approved by all. In addition, a total of \$3,000 was approved for on going programs for fiscal year 2025. These are as follows: \$150/quarter for Growing up Wild, \$150/quarter for Acts of Kindness, \$300/quarter for craft supplies for multiple Children's Department programs, and \$150/quarter for Teen's programming.

NEW BUSINESS: There were no out of cycle requests. New membership forms are being printed to reflect a request to be added to an emailing list. Announcements of events will be sent to those on the list. We will be making a sign to advertise the Friends' events to be displayed on Saturdays at the Bel Air Farmer's Market. The fund raiser T-shirts are completed. They will be for sale at the July and October sales for \$20 each. Checks are preferred, please. The Christmas in July pop up sale is July 13, 2024 from 10am-4pm on the second floor passport room. Set up is July 12 starting at 10am. Fall Book sale dates are 10/10/24, members only from 12 pm-7:30pm, 10/11, 10/12 10am-4:30pm, and 10/15 our \$5/bag day 10am-7:30pm. The Library is CLOSED ON MONDAY 10/14 for Columbus Day. Set up for the sale will be on 10/3 at noon, 10/4, 10/5, 10/7 starting at 10am. A pot luck dinner is scheduled for 10/21/24 at 6pm with a Halloween theme. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

OLD BUSINESS: Our sales will now be called Charity Sales with 'donations' replacing 'prices' for books, etc. New signage will reflect this change. A reminder that no account is necessary to access the Friends' Facebook page and that the Bel Air Friends now have a QR code that can be scanned for upcoming events. See below:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089242780747>. Traffic at our Facebook page and use of our QR code remain to be good.

There being no further business, Ms. Cedrone adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm. In keeping with our tradition of NOT MEETING IN JULY, the next meeting of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors will be on Monday, AUGUST 26, 2024 at 6:00pm at The Bel Air Branch of HCPL. All friends are encouraged



and welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Easter, Secretary