

**FRIENDS OF THE BEL AIR LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 24, 2025 6:00PM**

MEETING MINUTES

Present Amy Cedrone, Annie Kovach, Pat Easter, Dawn Grandizio, Bill and Marie Kridenoff, Leslie and Cliff Riden, Luvenia Woodward, Cheryl DeScipio, Alan Weikert, Joe and Mary Lynn Bezek, Kathy and Bob Valek, and Michael Rowe.

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

a/o 02/28/2025: Checking Account balance: \$6,939.76 Savings Account balance: \$6,198.78

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

The balance of the Friends' CD is \$13,106.83.

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms. Kovach announced that participation in Winter Reading 2025 was 3,733 total participants with 668 registered at the Bel Air Branch. Last year's numbers were 3,484 total with 613 registered at Bel Air. Wingspan Game Time attendance was between 9-16 people this winter. She had 4 requests for Summer programs:

- 1) "Strike up the Band" for adults for \$80;
- 2) "Action Spies" spy gear K-5th grade for \$75;
- 3) "Color Our World Extravaganza" talent show for all ages for \$50. Dates for the show are 8/14 5-7:30pm, rain date 8/21;
- 4) Adult Summer Reading drawing for \$100.

That total of \$305 was approved by all.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: "Taste of Harford" will be May 18, 2025 from 1-4pm at Vignon Manor. Tickets are \$45 each and go on sale on March 17 on the HCPL website. Proceeds benefit Harford Co. Public Library programs, resources, and services. The theme of this year's gala will be "80's in the Stacks". It will be held at the Abingdon Branch in November.

NEW BUSINESS: There were no out of cycle requests. The Annual meeting of the Harford County Friends of the Library was held on March 11 at the Abingdon branch. Bill and Marie Kridenoff and Annie Kovach from the Bel Air branch were in attendance. An online registration for membership in the Friends of the Library is now in operation. It is accessible through the library's website by searching "about the library", and then "Friends". Payment options and procedures are being discussed.

OLD BUSINESS: Parking permits were handed out to those helping with the set up and sales, both the adult's and children's. We were reminded that the permits are to be used only on the metered lot away from the library patron's lot. Friends t-shirts are still available in sizes L, 2XL, and 5XL. We have sold 37 out of 60 total. They will be on 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 6:42pm. The next meeting of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors will be on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:00pm at The Bel Air Branch of HCPL. All Friends are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Easter, Secretary

