



Havre de Grace Friends of Harford County Public Library

Friends of the Library 12/4/2023 11:00 HdeG Library

Attendance:

Jean Willan	Gary Willan	Lynne Russell	Nancy Jay
Adrienne Barclay	Carol McIntyre	Pat Hoffman	John McIntyre
Jamie Reilly	Nadine Anderson	Carolyn Foley	Liz Truitt
Susan Osborn	Theresa Bisker	Susie Willenbrink	Debbie Pasco
Carole Hawkins	Yvonne Robbins		

Minutes: Approved

Treasury: \$ 40.85 Cash
 1,231.50 Checking
 19,603.61 Savings
 \$ 20,875.96 Total

The book sale netted \$5,935 (our second highest total ever)

We sold 225 raffle tickets. The winner of the quilt was Betty Eversmier. The winning raffle ticket was sold by Pat Hoffman.

We spent \$167.50 for tickets and the permit for the raffle, a check was written to Harford County Public Library for \$3,301.41 to cover the cost of programs and our two new tables.

Old Business:

1. The floor was open for additional nominations for officers for next year. No new nominations were put forth. John moved that we accept the nominations of Jeanne Cooper for President; Pat Hoffman for Vice President; Gary Willan for Treasurer and Jean Willan for Secretary. Debbie seconded that motion and all agreed. Therefore, the leadership will remain unchanged.
2. We did a brief recap of the book sale. Debbie thanked everyone for their help and pat thanked Debbie for her leadership and hard work. One customer did lodge a complaint about the dealers on the first day. Jamie suggested he join the Friends and be a part of the planning. She also gave him contact information for Jeanne Cooper. Further discussion of issues or problems with the sale was tabled until the February meeting.

New Business:

1. Jamie asked for an \$2,650 to fund March, April, and May programs here in Havre de Grace. Jean moved we support the funding request, Carolyn seconded the motion, and it was approved.
2. Jamie also reported that our Children's librarian, Angela, will be leaving for a promotion to assistant manager in Whiteford. They are currently working to replace her. Also, the Winter Reading program started on December 21st and continues until March. The Friends have provided funds for two baskets that will be raffled off to those who complete the reading challenge, one for adults and one for teens.
3. Carol McIntyre then did a presentation about the signage for the library. The old building did have an electric sign and the new one was scheduled to have one in the brick kiosk on



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the Union Avenue side of the library. However, the mayor and city council vetoed the idea as it is on a main artery in an historic district. We would like to convince them to overturn that veto.

Carol spoke to Steve Gamatoria, who agreed to assist us, and was told that there is a provision to allow such signs for public facilities like the library.

Carol had Pollitt Signs give us an estimate for the sign and the electrical work-up needed. They gave us a quote of \$4,555 plus approximately \$200 for the hook-up. This quote is only valid for 6 weeks. The request would need to be okayed by Mary Hassler and then by the city council. Steve has agreed to walk it through the council's process. As we have a time constraint, Debbie moved that we go forward with the letter to Mary and that we okay the funding needed. Jean seconded that request and the motion was passed.

Note: The request was signed by Jeanne Cooper and Carol was proceeding with the contact to Mary Hassler as of December 13th.

4. Dates for the Spring Book Sale: Collection – April 26th and 27th
Set-up – April 29th thru May 2nd
Sale – May 3rd thru May 11th
Clean-up – May 13th

The business part of the meeting was followed by our holiday party. We did have a presentation by Angela about the children's programming which our funding allows the library to accomplish.

The next meeting will be February 5, 2024 at 11:00 AM in the downstairs meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Willan
Secretary