

Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL)
May 14, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Summerville Library met on Tuesday, May 14, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

In Attendance:

Autumn Reid, President	Carole Brier, Secretary
Ellen Hyatt, Summerville Writers Guild Liaison	Carol Brummett, Vice President
Harriet Little, Member	Anne Gleason, Treasurer
Jennifer Houston, Member	Mevelyn Williams, Member
Becky Westfall, Library Liaison	Pam Ward, Fundraising/Events
	David Rison, Advocacy

Agenda:

1. President and Publicity reports (Reid)
2. Treasurer's report (Gleason)
3. Library Liaison report (Westfall)
4. Advocacy Committee (Rison)
5. Membership Committee report (Coffey)
6. Book Sale report (Coffey)
7. Fundraising/Events Committee (Ward)
8. Hospitality Committee report (Brummett)
10. Summerville Writers Guild Liaison (Hyatt)
11. Unfinished business (Reid)
12. New business (Reid)
13. Upcoming meetings/event dates
14. Adjournment

President's Report (Reid)

- New bags have been ordered. Webpage and calendar updates have occurred.

Treasurer's Report (Gleason)

Beginning balance:	\$8,180.95
Income for the month	\$933.08
Expenses for the month	144.10
Ending Balance	\$8,965.93

- The detailed Treasurer's Report is available from Anne Gleason.

Library Report to Friends of the Summerville Library (Westfall)

Lives Change @ Your Library!

Staff Changes:

- Interim Director, Jennie Redmond
- Interviews May 15, 2014 for opening on our shelving staff

Events at the library:

- A number of agencies will send representatives to the library to learn about the Benefit Bank, Prosperity Center and Charity Tracker this Thursday morning.
- Computer Classes every Tuesday in May.

- Author, John Warley will discuss his new book, A Southern Girl at 6:30 on Tuesday, May 27 at the Library. There is no charge for this event.
- Mary Alice Monroe is coming on June 14th! We need your help! All profits from ticket sales will go to the Friends of Summerville Library. Tickets are \$20 each and include a copy of her new book: Summer Wind. Tickets will be sold at Third Thursday and also are available at the library.

What's happening?

- Our new web site is up! Take a look at www.dcl.lib.sc.us
- We are very busy planning for summer reading, which begins June 2nd for ALL ages!
- We are in serious need of parking lot and curbing work, new HVAC equipment, and replacement of the flat roof on the building. This is a financial challenge and Jennie is trying to work with the County to get some help with these building needs. The replacement is anticipated to be in the \$800,000 range. The interim director and the Library's business manager are strongly urging the County to use some of their capital funds to help get repairs made to the Library. It is noted here that the County owns the building and as such should be responsible for keeping the facility in good repair.
- Ellen Hyatt noted alternative energy sources, such as solar energy, should be researched as possible cost effective replacements for heating and cooling equipment.

Advocacy (Rison)

- County beginning May 17, 2014. It is held at the Convention Center in downtown Columbia.
- FOSL members are encouraged to attend the County Council meeting when they set the budget. The budget meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2014 at 5 pm in the Council Chambers at St. George. The County Council is receiving less money from the State. They are cutting back and therefore will not be receptive to any larger funding requests. The State is waiting for revenue forecasts before giving additional funding to the Counties. However, it appears that Charleston County is going to pass a referendum to build new libraries and fund them. Even though the outcome of the November elections cannot be foretold, if the referendum is successful it might be a method that we could partially employ.
- Anything that FOSL can do to bring more publicity to the Library is a good thing.
- We met last December with a few members of the Library Board who are looking into the entire issue as well. It's not just the Friends, but the Friends can be a great help. Unless the Board is onboard with this, it's not going to happen.

Membership Committee (Coffey)

- Thank you everyone that volunteered with the book sale. There were approximately 26 volunteers who helped. It went very smoothly. We had just the right number of books. Net income from the sale as \$1450.58. It was not as busy a book sale as seen in the past due to other local activities on the same weekend. This is typically the slowest book sale of the year. Several charities came on Monday to pick up books for their organizations. Some were Royal Oaks Retirement Home, Seacoast Church, Presbyterian Home, and Webster House. We had a slight glitch on Tuesday when the charity scheduled to pick up the books did not show up. We only had about 60 boxes of books left, mostly nonfiction. Thanks to Karen, Patrick and myself, all the books were delivered to the Goodwill store and Dorchester Habitat for Humanity.
- There were 7 new members signed up on Friday and 14 renewals paid. Approximately 30 FOSL members attended the Book Sale on Friday.
- \$315 in membership dues and a \$10 donation was received and given to Anne. We currently have 194 members.

Summerville Writers Guild Liaison Report (Hyatt)

- Giving the Friends a copy of the SC Academy of Authors (SCAA) program from the Induction Ceremony (held in Greenville on Sat., April 26, 2014). The program reflects the Friends' kind contribution to the SCAA. Again, I thank you. Isn't it delightful to see the Friends represented in another good cause!
- Reminding the Friends that SCAA Induction 2015 takes place in Charleston. Program involves readings And the Induction ceremony on Sat., April 1, 2015. Please mark your calendars now. We hope you can attend. The Board of Governors are inducting these local writers, three living and one posthumously: Dorothea Benton Frank, (novelist); Bret Lott (novelist, short story writer, and memoirist); William Ioor (1780-1850, playwright, born in St. George); and Marjory Wentworth (poet). Our FOSL is the only Library in the entire State to contribute to the SCAA.

Hospitality (Brummett)

- Nothing new to report.

Fundraising/Events (Ward)

- As mentioned above, Mary Alice Monroe, will be at the Library on June 14 from 2 to 4 pm. A discussion regarding the layout of the room for the event ensued. More discussion to follow.
- Carol Brummett and volunteers will provide and serve the refreshments.
- Volunteers will be needed as ticket takers. The process is that as the audience arrives they will turn in their ticket and the volunteer will hand out one of the new books. It is not known if ticket sales must stop on May 31 because of a shortage of books. Becky will look into the issue.
- After the talk, Ms. Monroe will sign books at the ticketing table just outside of the door. A volunteer will be needed to assist with the signing process.
- In summary, volunteers are needed to help set up and decorate the room, help Carol with refreshments, man the ticket table before, to assist at the book signing table, and to sell books after and to clean up after.
- Tickets will be sold at Third Thursday and are available at the Library's main desk.

Unfinished Business

- May's Third Thursday theme is "Getting Away on a Summer Island."
- Red, White and Blue on the Green will be held on the afternoon of June 29.
- FOSL will have a table at the Red, White and Blue on the Green event instead of the June Third Thursday.

New Business

- Annual Meeting/Elections June 10, 2014 – Library at 7 pm

Upcoming Meetings/Event Dates

- FOSL Executive Board meeting— May 27, at 7pm at ABC
- General FOSL meeting – June 10, at 7 pm at the Library

Adjournment

Autumn Reid adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted:
Carole Brier, Secretary