

Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL) June 10, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Summerville Library met on Tuesday June 10, 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/Parliamentarian
Harriet Little, Member
Gail Masocco, Member
Carol Austin, Member
Cathy Coffey, Membership/Book Sale
Becky Westfall, Library Liaison
Pam Ward, Fundraising/Events
David Rison, Advocacy Group

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)

- The May minutes will be filed as amended, the March minutes will be filed.
- Last month the Anne told the group that she would be absent from this meeting. Therefore there will be two sets of Treasurer's Reports in July.
- The Web page has been updated.

Library Report to Friends of the Summerville Library (Westfall)

Lives Change @ Your Library!

- Summer Reading is for everyone – Busy, busy days. On Day One of Summer Reading, Monday, June 2 there were 1,247 people in the library. We made 50 first-time library cards on that day. And it has continued apace.
- Thank you for bidding on the rocker. We are happy to have it! The Executive Director of First Steps purchased the chair with personal funds and donated it to the Library. First Steps also sponsored the artist who painted the rocker.

- Thank you for your contribution to the new display island furniture. It will house the Patriotic Bookshelf donated by the Rotary Club for 6 months. After that, it will be used by the library to promote various parts of our collection. I am working on a plaque to place on the bookshelf stating it was donated by the Rotary Club and FOSL. I would like to have a photo of the Rotary committee and some of the key FOSL officers for a PR shot. Perhaps 6/18. FOSL contributed \$571.62, approximately half the cost of the display.
- Partnership with Dorchester County First Steps: building early literacy skills so every child is ready to read when they enter school.
- Awaiting word on the FY 14-15 budget from County Council.
- Summer Story Times are full; Junior Volunteer slots are full; Bento Box Teen Program on Tuesday is full.
- Mary Alice Monroe – approximately 50 tickets have sold
- New staff member Debbie Hartsell
- County contract will repave our parking lot – date of paving is to be determined
- New orientation/new desk at the Information Station later this month. This will improve visibility for patrons and staff.

Upcoming Dates:

- June 10 – Bento Box project with the Anime Club
- June 11 – Science Tellers – 3 pm in the public area
- June 14 – Mary Alice Monroe – 2-4 pm
- June 17 – Teen Tech program – take a computer apart and put it back together! 3 pm
- June 18 – Celebrate America! – 3 pm – public area – activities, drama, flag facts and prizes
- June 21 – Teen Advisory Group – 2 pm
- June 24 – DCL Board meets in the Westvaco room at 7 pm – public welcome
- June 25 – Lego Club – 3 pm
- June 27 – Teen Game Night 6 pm
- Week of July 4 – No Programs

Weekly: Open Family Story Times on Fridays at 11:30 am and Saturdays at 10:30 am (except for the week of July 4th)

Advocacy (Rison)

- The third reading of the County budget will be Monday night, June 16, 2014. The final budget decision will be made at that meeting. Dr. Rison will send out an email confirming the time (7pm) and location (Summerville.) FOSL members are encouraged to attend.
- At the meeting in St. George, the Chairman of the Board mentioned the need for a new library. That is what we should be working toward. It's not going to happen tomorrow, but probably in the next couple of years. However, we need to write letters to the editor of the Journal Scene, and we need to organize ourselves to speak to various groups in the community.
- We need to do something similar to the successful work that was done for the school referendum.
- It appears that the Library Board supports it, which is obviously important.
- It can be sold to the community because we have a large population base here with just one library.
- We need more parking, we need more space in the library, and we need equipment. All that costs money.
- Dr. Rison serves on a couple of county boards and both have surpluses. He doesn't know if the Library Board has a surplus. These boards have a surplus because they have told the County Board that they may need a new building someday. The County Board has not pushed back.
- The decision about whether to have a large single library, or another smaller library has not been determined. The library staff and the Library Board will have to make that decision. As FOSL we can support any decision that is finally made.

- Ellen Hyatt suggested that a fact sheet would be helpful to FOSL members and other groups such as SWG who desire to take an active role in a letter campaign.
- The main point is that this effort should begin now. With the hope of action in 2016.

Membership Committee (Coffey)

- There is no new information about the book sale. Margaret Bailey renewed her patron status. There were two renewals.
- Harriet Little added to the book sale information. She received a check for \$50 from a woman who purchased some sheet music Harriet owned. The patron bought a stack of graded books and graded music pieces, including an 1894 Shermer publication of a Beethoven. Harriet estimates the woman received \$75 to \$100 in value. Harriet was kind enough to donate the funds to FOSL. Carol reported that while she was sorting books, a gentleman stopped by and saw books written by his favorite author. She told him the book sale would be held in September. On second thought, she said the books sell for \$2 and allowed him to purchase the books he was interested then instead of waiting for the books sale.

Summerville Writers Guild Liaison Report (Hyatt)

- Nothing new to report. The Summerville Writers Guild can help prepare letters to the editor in support of the library.

Hospitality (Brummett)

Nothing new to report.

Fundraising/Events (Ward)

Note: This report was received after the General Meeting and is included here for informational purposes.

- Met with Kathy and Sylvia this morning. We made a few changes to logistics of which I will explain when we all arrive at the library.
- We have made a change in decor and will be using a beautiful red and white summer tablecloth and attempt to make our tables look like summer to go with the book. We will serve fruit and cookies and little non-sweet bites. We will serve peach tea, and water with fruit. There will be a table set up with decor, poster, and books near Mary Alice with a table at the back for extra books.
- Cathy and Ann: We will need change for extra book sale table but not for ticket sales. The library circulation desk will sell any tickets bought at the door.

- **List of Volunteers**

- Set Up: Pamela Ward**

- Cathy Coffey

- Carol Brummett

- Ellen Hyatt

- Ann Gleason

- Back extra sales table and side door handler**

- Cathy Coffey

- Refreshment Prep**

- Carol Brummett

- Refreshment Service**

- Carol Brummett

- Welcome Table and Welcome Seating**

- Ellen Hyatt

- Pamela Ward

- Author Sign Assistant**

Ellen Hyatt

Assistance with crowd control and line to Author

Pamela Ward

Break down and clean up

Everyone who is available!

- Please arrive at noon on Saturday.
- Discussion ensued concerning the room layout.
- Ellen requested a schematic to work to assist the volunteers in their individual jobs.
- Red, White and Blue on the Green will be held on July 4 at Gahagen Park. Cathy is in charge of the event.
- June Third Thursday will be held as scheduled. Anne and Becky will represent FOSL. May's Third Thursday was rained out, so D.R.E.A.M. allowed the payment to be held over until the June event.

Unfinished Business

- The bags have arrived earlier than expected.

New Business

The floor was opened for nominations for Treasurer. Anne was nominated for another term as Treasurer.

Harriet moved that nominations be closed. Carol Brummett seconded.

Upcoming Meetings/Event Dates

- FOSL Executive Board meeting— June 24, at 7pm at ABC
- General FOSL meeting – July 8, at 7 pm at the Library

Adjournment

Autumn Reid adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Carole Brier, Secretary

June 16, 2014