

Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL) July 8, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Summerville Library met on Tuesday July 8, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

In Attendance:

Autumn Reid, President
Ellen Hyatt, Summerville Writers Guild Liaison
Harriet Little, Member
Cathy Coffee, Membership/Book Sale
Becky Westfall, Library Liaison
Pam Ward, Fundraising/Events
Carole Brier, Secretary
Shirley Eckelberry, Member

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)

- Harriet moved the June minutes be amended and then filed as accepted. Becky seconded.
- The Web page and calendar have been updated.
- The Library sent the Friends a thank you note for the assistance at the Alice Monroe event.

Library Report to Friends of the Summerville Library (Westfall)

Lives Change @ Your Library!

What's happening:

- Summer Reading is for everyone – Busy, busy days. Over 1000 registered at the Seago Branch!
- Mary Alice Monroe Program: What a real hit! Over 60 tickets were sold and over \$1250 in sales money was turned over to the Friends. Everyone attending enjoyed hearing Mary Alice talk about her books, the Lowcountry connection and her involvement in environmental issues.

Note: Ellen Hyatt suggested future events be deconstructed, during the week following the event, while memories are fresh to determine what worked well and what didn't.

- County contract will repave our parking lot using grant money and library money.
- A dead tree, near Trolley Road, will be removed.
- Our new information desk is taking shape and will be topped with granite to match the main desk this month.

Request:

Would anyone be able to supply sweets (finger foods) for the Business After Hours program on Thursday, July 24? The sweets would need to be at the Dorchester Senior Center between 4:30 and 5:00 on that day. If you can stay and help at the library table, that would be most appreciated! Business After Hours is a mixer for Chamber of Commerce members that is held monthly. The Non-Profit Council is sponsoring July's event from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Senior Center on Laurel Street.

- **In response to this request, Harriet Little, Ellen Hyatt and Autumn Reed agreed to provide the sweets/finger foods for this event.**

Upcoming Dates:

- July 9 Fizz Boom Read Crafts 3 pm
- July 10 Romance Readers 7 pm
- July 15 Teen Recycled Crafts 3 pm
- July 16 Mad Scientist Party 3 pm
- July 17 "It's a Mystery to Me" Book Club 7 pm
- July 23 Lego Club 3pm
- July 24 Business After Hours – Dorchester Senior Center – Library is a cosponsor
- July 25 Teen Mystery Night 6 pm
- July 26 Teen Advisory Group 2 pm
- July 30 Didgeridoo Down Under – Summer Reading Finale Program! 3 pm

Weekly: Open Family Story Times on Fridays at 11:30 am and Saturdays at 10:30 am

- Looking ahead, the library has contacted Paul Leonard, CEO of Habitat for Humanity as a speaker for the first or second week of November, 2014.

Advocacy (Rison)

- Dr. Rison was absent from this meeting.

Membership Committee (Coffey)

- There is no change in membership or Book Sales for this month. I'll start looking for volunteers for the September book sale at the beginning of August. The FOSL book sale will be on September 5, 6, and 7. Set up will be on September 4 and clean-up will occur on September 8, 2014.
- Red, White, & Blue on the Green at Gahagan Park was very successful. Had kids continually from 5:30 - 8:15. Finally had to tell kids we were closed. We set up two tables for making bookmarks and a third that had Library and FOSL information. I especially want to thank Mevelyn Williams. She was a trooper. In the future we need at least 1 person per table plus a 4th to give helpers a break. It would have been better if we had 3 tables set up for making bookmarks.
- A large number of books have been donated for the upcoming book sale.

Summerville Writers Guild Liaison Report (Hyatt)

News with Possibilities for a Library Connection

1. Several members of SWG have been published (some with works in literary venues, as well as those who are self-publishing).

2. Also the SWG is exploring publishing another anthology of their works. (An earlier anthology was published in 2005, and Summerville Library graciously and fittingly hosted at least one program for the SWG's reading and signing.)

3. A few members of the SWG are lending their works for a cause to be held on Saturday, September 6, 2014, at James Dean (Flowertown) Theatre. The cause is to raise community awareness about eating disorders for an annual Walk which takes place in November. If Friends or library staff are interested in some way, please contact Renay Marsh (teaceng@yahoo.com).

4. One member has devised an interactive literary Board game of well-known books. Have Friends ever hosted (or are we interested in hosting) Board game events for adults? Cultural games (not electronic) related to words, literature, art, history, etc. I am merely brainstorming here.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen E. Hyatt, Liaison of Summerville Writers Guild and Friends of Summerville Library

Further discussion:

- Several ideas were discussed about types of activities that FOSL and SWG might join forces to present.
- Ellen suggested we explore the possibility of using SWG writers to read briefly from one of their works as a lead-in for a featured author. As in a band or comedy show. This was discussed approvingly.
- The library and SWG could provide readings for other significant events, such as reading paragraphs from banned books during Banned Book Week. Readings for other significant literary/historical anniversaries/events could also be considered. The idea is to begin sowing the seeds for annual traditions for the library and for the community.
- How do we collect these ideas so they are available when we are discussing events and programs?
Ellen and Carole agreed to cull through the minutes and devise a way to keep them in front of the Executive Board and the Membership.

Hospitality (Brummett)

- Carol Brummett was absent from this meeting.

Event Planning/Events (Ward)

- Red, White and Green was very well coordinated by D.R.E.A.M.
- Additional discussion of the Mary Alice Monroe event.
- Very early information concerning the tea/author event that is being considered as a fundraiser.

Note: A timeline will be developed to assist us with this project.

Upcoming Meetings/Event Dates

- FOSL Executive Board meeting— July 22, at 7pm at ABC
- General FOSL meeting – August 12, at 7 pm at the Library

Adjournment

Autumn Reid adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Carole Brier, Secretary

July 12, 2014