

## **Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL)** **August 12, 2014**

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Summerville Library met on Tuesday August 12, 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  
Anne Gleason, Treasurer  
Debbie Lodge, 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 July minutes be approved. Ellen seconded.
- A blog was added to the FOSL website for the purpose of sharing ideas and archiving them per discussion at the last meeting.
- Publicity is out for the September Book Sale.
- Publicity for the tea event has been created and discussed. In the process of distributing for this event. Notice will be sent to the Post and Courier and also the Summerville Journal Scene.

### **Treasurer's Report (Gleason)**

- Please see the attached PDF.

### **Library Report to Friends of the Summerville Library (Westfall)**

*Lives Change @ Your Library!*

**What's happening**

- Summer Reading is over and we had great participation:
  - Listeners' Club (3 and under): 162 registered
  - Readers' Club (4-12): 783 registered
  - Teen Club (12-18) 123 registered
  - Total: 1068 participants registered at the Summerville branch.
- The Adult Summer Readers' program totaled 113 members and staff.
- Many thanks to the Friends of the Summerville Library for purchasing the prize books for all Ages! Participants are always thrilled to be able to select their own books.
- Forty teens volunteered to help with registration and giving out prizes.
- The Teen Advisory Group held a Mystery Night that was a big success for the teens.
- Two large programs, Science Tellers and Didgeridoo Down Under, thrilled parents and Children. Thanks to the Friends for underwriting the expense for the Science Tellers.
- A county grant will help pay for repaving our parking lot — still waiting on details.
- The new Information Desk received its granite and gives us a better view of the library entrance so we can help patrons more effectively.
- We are busy planning our fall schedule of adult teen and children's programs, computer classes, story hours...
- One request: Will the Friends donate approximately \$31 to purchase buttons, posters, and bookmarks for Banned Books Week. September 21 through September 31? Harriet moved to cover the cost of purchase to include shipping and taxes. The motion passed unanimously. .

#### **Advocacy (Rison)**

- Dr. Rison was absent from this meeting.

#### **Membership Committee (Coffey)**

- FOSL membership has increased to 202.
- Sheldon has resigned from Abunda.
- The flyers are out for the book sale.
- Ash & T has been contacted and a truck is reserved for moving books.

#### **Summerville Writers Guild Liaison Report (Hyatt)**

1. SWG continues to be receptive to collaborating and being involved, though we might not see SWG in regular attendance at library and Friends events. Please let me know of any concerns or insights to help this matter.

e.g. a. Does Friends have a membership drive?

b. What happened to the idea of all dues from Friends members being due the same month?

**Note: Cathy Coffey explained the system she uses of sending out notices just prior to the book sale works quite well. The Friday sale for membership only is an incentive for many to renew memberships.**

c. Shall I take applications to the SWG?

d. Can interested individuals pay membership dues online?

**Note: At this time membership dues cannot be paid online. It is something that will be looked into at some future date.**

e. Were some of these ideas with plans discussed early this year (Feb. perhaps)?

2. The Friends communication line works optimally when moving in a linear fashion from Friends to Cathy Coffey to me; from me to the SWG Steering Committee; from the SWG Steering Committee to SWG. Please continue in that fashion. The communication has been working well because it is infrequent.

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

#### **Hospitality (Brummett)**

- No new information to be presented at this time.

#### **Event Planning/Events (Ward) — The Literary Tea Series**

- Three teas beginning Sunday, November 9 at 2 pm featuring hot tea at the library and Olivia deBelle Byrd as our guest speaker. Tickets at \$20 include a book, tea, and the speaking engagement.
- Two more teas will be held, one in February, again at the library, one in May, offsite and will feature a full afternoon tea. Dates have not been determined.
- The subcommittee met and formed the preliminary arrangements. We have been in contact with Ms. Byrd's publicist and promotion team and they have approved our flyer. Our flyer will be printed and all advertisements will begin in September. Tickets will be on sale through our website and can be charged online.
- The February and May teas are still being confirmed and the subcommittee will announce the authors as soon as the word is sent to us.
- At the next meeting, we will provide a list for volunteers for the first teas. Set up for Sunday, November 9 will take place on November 8. The subcommittee will handle delivery and set up of food and tea on Sunday. Coordination of volunteers will be done by the subcommittee.
- We ask that the Third Thursday and book fair groups promote the series and sell tickets during September and October. We hope that the members of the Friends will support the series by spreading the word, putting out flyers, and buying tickets.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- Third Thursday sign-up: Anne Gleason and Carole Brier will represent FOSL on August 21.

#### **Next meetings:**

- FOSL Executive Board meeting— September 23, at 7pm at ABC
- General FOSL meeting – September 9, at 7 pm at the Library

#### **New Business**

- A get-well card was signed by the group for Gail Masocco.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

- Third Thursday — August 21, 5-8pm
- Book Sale —September 5,6,7, 2014; Wednesday September 4, set up day.
- Literary Tea Series — November 9, 2014

#### **Announcements**

September meeting —form a budget committee for the annual budget.

#### **Adjournment**

Autumn Reid adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted:  
Carole Brier, Secretary  
August 28, 2014