

Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL) September 9, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Summerville Library met on Tuesday September 9, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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
Alyssa Roy, Member
Kathleen Flesher, Member
Mevelyn Williams, 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)

- All issues with the website should be remedied.
- Continuing publicity for the November event.
- Harriet moved that the August minutes be approved. Ann seconded.

Treasurer's Report (Gleason)

- Please see attached PDFs.

Library Report to Friends of the Summerville Library (Westfall)

Lives Change @ Your Library!

- Our transition to the fall schedule has begun. Focus on programs and classes, story times and homework help signals a new season at the library.
- Thank you for all of the hard work at the book sale last weekend!

- Banned Book Week September 21-27 – items ordered; thank you!
- Fall Computer Class signups have begun.
- Fall Story Time registration begins Monday, 9/15.
- Staff Training Day will focus on customer service - 10/10
- A ‘story time’ for adults will begin in late January or early February. Patrons will be invited to bring a lunch, warm up, and listen to a short story or some poetry. This will be a trial run for such a program offering.

Requests:

- Paul Leonard Program 10/5 from 2 – 4 pm.
FOSL will provide light refreshments:
- Display case is available in November to highlight the Literary Tea Series.
Pam Ward, Gail Massaco, and Autumn will be responsible for the decorations.

Advocacy (Rison)

- Dr. Rison was absent from this meeting.

Membership Committee/Book Sale (Coffey)

- Gross sales from the book sale was \$4147.74.
- \$110 worth of book bags were sold. Eleven magnets were sold at \$1.00 each. We gathered twelve new members through the book sale over the weekend.
- Habitat came promptly this time. They took sixty boxes of left over books and twenty flats of paperbacks, which is the fewest number of books we’ve had to get rid of in a long time.
- We had the right amount of books for this sale. The mass paperbacks sold very well.
- Thank you for all the
- Harriet raised the issue of book sale navigation. Becky reminded the group of the possibility of using a different, larger sale space. Carol suggested that Cathy organize a committee to research possibilities.

Summerville Writers Guild Liaison Report (Hyatt)

- The SWG is moving forward with an anthology, to be published in 2015. The Friends are welcome to keep this in mind when planning literary programs commencing fall 2015.
- Unfortunately, I have learned that few SWG members are members of the Friends. I look forward to encouraging membership. Perhaps some Friends will help with that, if we are still making “coaxing active membership” a goal for 2014. Maybe the main goal for 2015, then?
- Ellen mentioned an email received from Sandra Baden thanking the Friends for sending out the budget reminder.
- Ellen hopes that if the adult story time takes off, SWG members will take part. She will tell SWG members that if they are going to participate in this program they should be FOSL members.
- Tom Mack was featured on “Your Day” on September 8 on NPR. Mr. Mack is the editor of *South Carolina Encyclopedia Guide to South Carolina Writers*. The interview is available through the NPR website.

Note: Azalea Magazine interviewed Ellen Hyatt in its September issue.

Hospitality (Brummett)

- No new information to be presented at this time.

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

- The events committee would appreciate and encourages wide distribution of the Tea Series Poster.
- Autumn emailed the poster to the women who attended the Mary Alice Monroe event. Autumn requested Gail to call the few who did not leave an email address. Gail agreed.
- No tickets have been sold as of this date.
- Mary Alice Monroe will be the featured author at the June tea. The price for the June tea will be \$35.00. November and February are set at \$20.00.

- In an effort to offer a discount, if attendees purchase all three tickets at the same time, the price will be discounted by \$10. Thus the price for the three teas will be \$65.00 rather than \$75.00. The tickets are available on line for the discounted tickets.
- St. John's is no longer offering its space to non-profits at no cost. Rental cost for the space is cost prohibitive. The Event Committee/Events Committee is looking for another space.

Unfinished Business

- Third Thursday for September 19 with non-profit representation was officially canceled by D.R.E.A.M. due to the Sweet Tea Festival. Communication with D.R.E.A.M. is lacking. Ellen suggested a FOSL representative interact with D.R.E.A.M. to improve communication between FOSL and D.R.E.A.M.

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:

- As recorded in the minutes of July 8, 2014, Ellen Hyatt and I “agreed to cull through the minutes and devise a way to keep them [ideas for events, programs, a more active membership, the greater good of Friends and the library etc.] in front of the Executive Board and Membership.”
Ellen and I met for several hours on Tues., August 19, to begin the process. The ideas we gathered are forthcoming. Meanwhile we would like anyone here tonight to mention any idea that they have been thinking about over the years that they would like the Friends to consider and we shall add it to the list.
Thanks.

Carole Brier and Ellen Hyatt

- The November meeting date falls on Veteran's Day this year. The meeting is deferred to November 18.
- The budget committee with consist of Anne Gleason, Alyssa Roy, and Harriet Little.
- The audit committee consists of Carole Brier, Anne Gleason and Cathy Coffey.

Upcoming Dates

- Executive Board meets September 30, at 7:00 pm at ABC
- General Membership meeting October 14, 7:00 pm at the Library.
- Third Thursday — September 18, 2014
- Literary Tea Series — November 9, 2014

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Carole Brier, Secretary
September 19, 2014