

Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL)
January 13, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Summerville Library met on Tuesday January 13, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

In Attendance:

Autumn Reid, President
Ellen Hyatt, Summerville Writers Guild Liaison
Linda Klein Member
Amy Quinton, Member
Kelly Painter, Member
Harriet Little, Member
Cathy Coffey, Membership/Book Sale
Becky Westfall, Library Liaison
Carole Brier, Secretary
Anne Gleason, Treasurer
Carol Brummett, Vice President
Beverly Brockman, Member
Debbie Lodge, Member
David Rison, Advocacy
Pamela Ward, Events/Fundraising

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)

- Introductions and greetings.
- Motion made to approve the November 18, 2014 minutes made by Harriet, seconded by Pam. The minutes will be filed as published.
- Update: A lot of changes are afoot with the New Year. A banner at the end of the Berlin G. Myers advertises the upcoming book sale. Its new location is the American Legion Hall at 105 Sumter Avenue. Road signs directing to the location have been printed. Advertising is submitted to the City Paper, the Post & Courier, and the Summerville Journal Scene. American Legion officers have been very cooperative in arranging this event.

- Insurance has been secured. Two businesses were contacted for bids. Mercer insurance was selected due to less expensive premiums, and no deductible.
- Minutes are being loaded onto the Web page. (<http://friendsofthesummervillelibrary.weebly.com/>)
- Advertising is out for the February 22, Tea. Tickets can be purchased on the Web (see link above) and at the Library.

Treasurer's Report (Gleason)

Copies of the income statement closing out 2014 were distributed. See page 6.

Library Report to Friends of the Summerville Library (Westfall)

Lives Change @ Your Library!

- In case you missed it, the third article in the Summerville Journal Scene series "Lives Change @ Your Library" appeared in the Friday, December 26th issue. Sally Z. Hare and Jim Rogers, authors and speakers for our program this past Sunday, were featured. Thirty people attended the event.
- Program Report: Sunday's Author program with Sally Z. Hare and Jim Rogers was delightful. Thanks to Sandra Baden and Ellen Hyatt for facilitating this event, with the Summerville Writers Guild providing refreshments. Thirty people were in attendance, and it was a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon in good company, thinking of new ideas.
- Barbara Wallace began working with us as a shelver on December 8th, replacing Linda Eberle, who retired after over 20 years at the library.
- Roberta Duck, formerly of SCS, began working with us yesterday as a shelver. She replaces Debbie Hartsell, who is now serving us in Outreach Services to Children and Teens.
- Patricia Goodall will begin working as a shelver on January 26, replacing Paula Cannon, who was hired by our IT department to work full-time in STG, filling an opening caused by another retirement of a long-term staff member.
- Yesterday Jacob Masur moved from his part-time job in our computer center to a new part-time position in the library's IT department, which gives us someone on-site to take care of problems with technology 28 hrs/week. (yeah!) We will be hiring a new computer center monitor to fill Jacob's former spot within the next month.
- Michaela Wiesner has moved from Children's Services Librarian to Collection Development Librarian. She is purchasing, evaluating and managing our collection of books and media for
- Tina Chenoweth is coordinating Children's and Teens' programs at the library now. Tina is working on her Masters Degree in Library and Information Science from USC, which she hopes to complete in December.
- Teen Anime Club meets at 5:30 tomorrow afternoon 1/14/15
- It's a Mystery to Me Book Club 7 pm on Thursday, 1/15/15
- Winter Story Time series for babies – age 5 begins 1/20/15
- Friends of the Library Book Sale – January 23-25 at the American Legion Post, Sumter Ave.
- Optimal Resume Class – 1 pm 1/27/15
- Abelardus the Therapy Dog will visit on January 28 at 3 pm
- TAG (Teen Advisory Group), Saturday, 1/31/15, 2 pm Tuesday, 2/3/15, 6:30 pm – SC Bar Free Legal Clinic – Family Law – Marriage, Custody. Thursday, 2/5/15 – Romance Readers Book Club – 7 pm
- Every Thursday afternoon 1-4 pm – E-Reader Assistance
- January 19 – Martin Luther King Day
- **TLC from Dorchester County and Trident United Way:**
- The long-awaited parking lot project is almost complete. Three days of work have new asphalt in place and striping should be done very soon.
- Teams from the U.S.Army's 841st Transportation Battalion and NBSC painted, spread pine straw and cleaned windows for us on the Trident United Way Day of Caring 11/14/14.
- These gifts of time and effort towards the library, like the work of the Friends, make this truly a community library. Every volunteer helps to make us better!

Introduction and Request:

- Tina Chenoweth, Children's Librarian requested funds for the Summer Reading programs.
- \$1500 was budgeted for the Summer Reading Programs in fiscal year 2015.
- Carole Brier moved the funds be approved. The vote to approve the funds was unanimous.

Advocacy (Rison)

- It is time to start working to get a library or two into an area where so many people live.
- A letter writing campaign to the Summerville Journal Scene might be a way to start.
- No information has come from the County Library Board, but I know when they were asking for funds they mentioned the need for a new library and expansion in this area. I am hopeful that the Board will support such a move.
- It is time to begin letting people know that we think it is necessary, that it is not out of reach. That Charleston County passed a referendum to build new libraries and expand the old ones. Charleston County has sixteen or eighteen libraries, and Dorchester County has two. Only one library is located in the most populated area of the County, more than 100,000 people live around here, and this is the only library we have.
- I think it is time to begin to put pressure on County Council and let the public know what we need. I think many people know about it but they don't know exactly what to do. Not only should be Friends be involved, but others as well. As many people as we can get to support new libraries will be helpful.
- I will talk with the Advocacy Group and report back to the Friends.
- I personally plan to write a letter to the editor of the Summerville Journal Scene.
- A suggestion was made to copy the County Library Board and Mayor Collins with those letters.

Membership Committee/Book Sale (Coffey)

- Cathy distributed copies of the book sale flyer.
- There are 221 members on the rolls as of December 31, 2014.
- Renewal forms and book sale flyers were mailed members who had not renewed their memberships in the last year, also to those whose memberships are due in January, 2015.
- We have one new member as of January 1, 2015. Two renewals were received. I turned over \$42.00 to Anne.
- If you've changed your email address, or you're not getting emails from me, please let me know. They don't always get returned as undelivered.
- Book Sale: The book sale will be held on January 23, 24, and 25 at the American Legion Hall at 105 Sumter Avenue. Set up day is Thursday, January 22. Book consignment will arrive on Thursday evening.
- A volunteer sign-up sheet was distributed.
- A sign is posted in the Library by the display case, giving the address, the dates and includes a map to Sumter Avenue.
- Hours for the book sale have changed. We will open at noon on Friday and close at 7 pm. The sale will be open to the public. There will be special benefits for FOSL members on Friday and Saturday. The exact benefit is still to be determined. Bag day on Sunday stays the same. \$5.00 per grocery bag.
- The building must be available for Legion use on Tuesday morning.
- Each church will be contacted individually to request use of their parking lots during sale days and hours.

Summerville Writers Guild Liaison Report (Hyatt)

1. Much gratitude to Friends for sending out notice about the Author Event (Hare/Roberts) scheduled for Sun. Jan. 11. It is a deep joy to see the connectedness between groups for these offerings at which the library and SWG collaborate. These collaborations benefit the community and an intellectually curious public. In other words, collaborations help fulfill one of the values of libraries: "to serve society and humanity as a whole" (~Michael Gorman, p. 74 in *Our Enduring Values: Libraryship in the 21st Century*). The collaborations also help fulfill the mission of both the library and the SWG.

(Will [or were] Friends membership forms available for audience?)

2. I do not remember whether Friends sent contribution to SC Academy of Authors.
 South Carolina Academy of Authors
 C/O Jill Henrix
 123 Brandywine Lane
 Spartanburg, SC 29301
3. SWG continues working on the anthology *A Gathering of Flowers*, scheduled for publication summer, 2015. The SWG is hopeful for a program (when on calendar for 2015) with Friends to help promote the book.
4. SWG member (in field of Horror genre) of SWG wonders whether there will be an opportunity in the library in the future to read from established works in the genre's canon (that's with ONE "N") rather than only people currently writing in the genre.
5. Are there any ideas on the Friends' priority list (from the Oct. 14, 2014, mtg.) to take to SWG?
6. Other items, which I'll be glad to elaborate on:
 - A. gifts for presenters
 - Discussion ensued regarding the possible items to present: i.e. a FOSL bag with and Azalea Magazine tucked in, and a meaningful gift that brings to mind Summerville.
 - B. difference between program/fund-raising
 - The difference between program and fund-raising was discussed.
 - C. online forms and/or reminders for donations. I discovered once again individuals sent contribution this past holiday to another library in the area. (I even sent them the address this year! However, they went online and THOUGHT they had the right library.)
 - This is being investigated by the FOSL President.
7. A reminder: February 19, 2015 is Author, Author night. I will be at People, Places and Quilts reading from my new book.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen E. Hyatt (liaison between "Friends" and Summerville Writers Guild).

Fundraising/Events Committee (Ward)

- The second in a series of three Literary Teas will be held on February 22, 2015 beginning at 2pm. The event will be held at the Westvaco Room of the Library. The author is Judy Watts writing as J. Sinclair Watts. Tickets at \$20.00 include a copy of her book *The Diary*. Tickets are available at the Library, online at <http://friendsofthesummervillelibrary.weebly.com/events.html>, and at Art Central on February 19, 2015 – the Third Thursday, Author! Author! event.
- The third of tea of the season will be held at Cypress Gardens, 3030 Cypress Gardens RD, Moncks Corner, SC 2946 on May 17, 2015 beginning at 2pm. Featured author is Mary Alice Monroe.
- Discussions arose regarding decorations and the menu got the Tea.
- A new online volunteer scheduling program called Volunteer Spot is up and running at <http://friendsofthesummervillelibrary.weebly.com>. The program is free, the site is flexible, and it sends out reminders to those who volunteer.

New Business: Reid

- Policy surrounding Third Thursday's availability for booth rentals is changing. FOSL can reserve a booth on four months and then must sign up on a wait-list. Red, White, and Green on the Square is available because we've participated in the past. March, April, August and October are the suggested months for FOSL sign up. A vote to accept these dates was passed unanimously.
- A beautiful thank you card was received from the Library staff for the Christmas luncheon. The card was shared among the members.

Upcoming Dates

- The second Literary Tea: February 22, 2015 at the library featuring local writer Judy Watts.
- General FOSL meeting – February 10, 2015 at 7 pm at the Library.
- Executive Board meeting – February 24, 2015 at 7pm at ABC.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Carole Brier, Secretary
February 4, 2015

BUDGET, 2015

Income

Book Sale \$10,000
Membership \$2,000
Donations \$200
Bag Sales \$1,000
Magnet Sales \$10
ABUNDA \$500
Book Consignment \$1,500
Events \$2,000

Total Income \$17,210.00

Expenses

Book Sale

Storage Unit \$1,200
Ash & T's/Tip \$1,300
Advertising \$1,500
Refreshments \$100
Rental of Space \$750

Library Donations

EBSCO \$1,500
Summer Reading Program \$1,500
National Library Week \$100
Banned Book Week \$90
Staff Luncheon \$400
Book Page \$700

Library Improvements

Library Advertising (Brochures, Etc.)

Events

Event Expenses \$2,500

Book Clubs

Mystery to Me Book Club \$1,200
Romance Readers Book Club \$1,000

General Expenses

Postage \$100
Advertising \$150
Memberships (DREAM, SCAA, FOL) \$500
Summerville Dream Booth Rental \$200
Renewal PO Box \$70
Purchase of Bags \$1,100
Supplies \$150
Insurance \$600

Unallocated Funds \$500

Total Expenses \$17,210.00

Net \$0.00

2015 SC ACADEMY OF AUTHORS INDUCTION

Proposed Schedule of Events

Friday, April 10 Optional Event

7:00 PM April Meeting of The Poetry Society of South Carolina

Reader: Dzvinia Orłowski, a Pushcart Prize recipient, translator, and Founding Editor of Four Way Books.

Charleston Library Society 164 King Street

10:30 AM Readings by Dorothea Benton Frank, Bret Lott and Marjory Wentworth (possible reading of a selection from a play)

Wine and Cheese Reception

Charleston Library Society

164 King Street

(Shuttle service from the hotel leaves at 10:15)

12:00PM Lunch and an April afternoon in Charleston on your own

6:00PM Induction Ceremony and Reception

The Riverview Room, The Citadel

171 Moultrie Street (Shuttle service from the hotel leaves at 5:30)