

Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL) Tuesday, January 12th, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Summerville Library met on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Carol Brummett, President called the meeting to called to order at 7:05 pm.

In Attendance:

Carol Brummett, President
 Anne Gleason, Treasurer
 Cathy Coffey, Membership/Book Sale
 Becky Westfall, Library Liaison
 Mevelyn Williams, Secretary
 Harriet Little, Member
 Debbie Lodge, Chair Advocacy Committee
 Autumn Reid, Member
 Beverly Brockman, Member
 Nancy Nicodemus, Member
 Ellen Hyatt, Member
 Sandra Baden, Member
 Bob Tryon, Member
 Gloria Butler, Member
 Glenda Bolyn, Guest
 Robyn Dudley, Guest

Agenda:

1. President and Publicity reports (Brummett)
2. Treasurer's report (Gleason)
3. Library Liaison report (Westfall)
4. Advocacy Committee (Lodge)
5. Membership Committee/Book Sale report (Coffey)
6. Summerville Writers Guild Liaison (Hyatt)
7. Unfinished business (Brummett)
8. New business (Brummett)
9. Upcoming meetings/event dates
10. Adjournment

President's Report (Brummett)

- November minutes were approved (motion made by Harriet Little/seconded by Anne Gleason).

Treasurer's Report (Gleason)

- Budget filed for audit.

Library Liaison Report to Friends of Summerville Library – R. Westfall

Thank you!

Words seem inadequate to express all that the Friends have done for the library. The Seussical Staff Appreciation Luncheon and the lovely decorations in December are fresh in our minds, lifting the holiday spirit of our staff and patrons. Thank you!

Perhaps more mundane, the constant, year-long work done by those who collect the donated books, sort them, and store them for the book sales is really a labor of love. The work is hard and too often thankless. (But not tonight.) Thank you!

Thank you for the new microwave and the fabulous Nikon camera you gave to the staff. We are better able to serve our patrons because of these gifts!

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Carol provided refreshments for our Indie Author event, "Be Inspired!" which was a great success. Ellen E. Hyatt and Sandra Baden coordinated and moderated this wonderful afternoon. Thank you!

Library News:

- We are 'in the swing' with the New Year and looking forward to good things winter, spring, summer and fall. I have copies of our Winter Programing newsletter here for you tonight.
- Tina Chenoweth would like to make a presentation on behalf of her Board of Bookworms Teen Group, requesting sponsorship from the Friends for some special activities for this group.

Staff Report:

- Kathy Marrah has retired from the library. Her duties as Assistant Branch Manager have been absorbed by several of us since position was eliminated.

Upcoming Programs - See Winter Program Guide

Upcoming Closing – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday 1/18/16.

Note: Tina brought Sierra, one of the teens who has worked very hard to compile the teens quarterly magazine which is titled **Bookworm**. She was modeling a tee-shirt with the logo "BOB – Board of Bookworms". Tine requested a donation from FOSL of \$250 to go toward this effort which is in great demand and has shown much promise by the youth. There was some discussion as to the summer reading program, the cost of creating the magazine, prizes, etc. The motion was made by Anne and seconded by Debby that the funds would be provided.

Membership and Book Sale Report – C. Coffey

Membership: Membership is holding steady. Renewal notices have been sent to all members who did not renew their dues in 2015. I have also sent out renewal notices to everyone whose dues were due in January and February of 2016. I plan to contact everyone by email if I haven't heard from them by the end of the book sale.

Book Sale: Everything is on schedule. Flyers have been sent to all members. 4 have already responded. The banner will be hung at the end of the Berlin G Myers Parkway, Jan 11th - Jan17th. We can only reserve that spot twice a year. The May book sale has been moved forward a week, to April 29- May 1st due to a conflict with Mother's Day weekend. The banner will be hung April 25th thru May 1st. September dates were already taken. We can no longer hang signs on the fence at the end of Bacon's Bridge Rd. Habitat for Humanity has been secured to pick up unsold books on Tuesday Feb 2nd. Autumn has submitted the ads for the Summerville Journal Scene to be published Jan 20th, 22nd, 27th, & 29th, posted on FOSL web site, and submitted to library for posting on their monitors. We have plenty of books. Our storage unit is essentially full. Anne still has books in her garage. I don't know what Karen Petros may have.

Check your calendars. I'll have a sign-up sheet available at the meeting. You may also email me at cathysfosl@aol.com or call 843-871-6440.

Note: there are issues with SCDOT regarding signage, placement and removal. Volunteer sign-up for the book sale was passed around for the membership.

Summerville Writers Guild Liaison - Hyatt

A couple of writers in the community will be among those helping to judge the writing contest for the Friends' focus in 2016 on Advocacy. The topic for those writing about their experiences at Summerville Library (i.e., the George H. Seago, Jr. Branch of Dorchester County Library) is "What's Your Story?" Those patrons submitting manuscripts are invited to share inspirational narratives that explain how Summerville Library changed their lives.

We had a pleasant meeting with Advocacy Chair Debbie Lodge to review guidelines and logistics for the contest. Debbie will share more information in her report. We'll be glad to answer any questions.

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Thank you for your interest and attention.

Advocacy Committee Report - Lodge

The Library Advocacy Committee is moving forward with plans to highlight the Summerville Library in the coming months in preparation for the campaign to float a referendum in November, 2016. Recently I met with Ellen Hyatt and Ellen McNeal of the Summerville Writer's Guild to firm up criteria for the Writing Contest. The Contest will ask contestants to write short pieces about how our library impacted their lives in a positive way. The panel of judges will consist of members of the SWG, FOSL and the Summerville Journal Scene. The new executive editor of the Summerville Journal Scene, David Kennard, has enthusiastically agreed to be on our panel of judges and wants to publish both the winning entries and the honorable mentions in both the print and online versions of the newspaper. Cash prizes amounting to \$260.00 will be offered pending the approval of the FOSL board (see the attached flyer for contest details). The Speakers, Media and Community Outreach Subcommittees are still forming and we will be working on developing strategies for action over the next couple of months.

In order to avoid a redundancy of effort, the Fundraising & Events Subcommittee has been dissolved. Our current budget for Advocacy is a modest \$500.00 but until Providence, the library consulting firm hired by the library, decides how the Friends can best help with the Referendum Campaign, our expenses should be minimal even factoring in the Writing Contest expenses. Providence is currently in the assessment phase and according to the Summerville Library's Branch Manager, Rebecca Westfall, they should have a suggested course of action for the library sometime in early spring.
(Attached – proposed draft of Writing Contest)

Upcoming Dates:

- Gigantic Book Sale – C. Coffey; Thursday, January 28-Sunday, January 31; American Legion Post 21
- Executive Board Meeting – C. Brummett; Tuesday, January 26th; Panera Bread
- FOSL General Meeting – C. Brummett; Tuesday, February 9th; Westvaco Room

Unfinished business:

New Business:

- Carol Brummett proposes a tea in June with author Karen White, 1st book The House on Tradd Street. Her new book is due out in June: Flight Patterns. This event, to be held in the Westvaco room on Sunday afternoon, 6/5/2016, will be the kick-off event for her summer tour. Tickets expected to be \$35.00, with hardcover books (\$25 ea) included. Motion made by Ellen, seconded by Anne – passed.
- Carol received a thank you card from the library staff for the luncheon and from Autumn in response to her grandmother's passing. These were passed around the group and entered into the archives with the minutes.
- Autumn Reid noted the number of copies of the Book Page has been increased to 200 starting in February, at a cost of \$940.

Announcements/ For the Good of the Order:

The Winter, 2016 Edition of the FOSL Newsletter is now available. Thank you to Carole Brier!

From Ellen Hyatt, encouraging us for the new year by reading from the children's book, I Wish You More:

Ups than downs, Woo-hoo than Whoa! Can than knot.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mevelyn Williams, Secretary

February 5, 2016