

Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL) Tuesday, February 9th, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Summerville Library met on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Carol Brummett, President called the meeting to called to order at 7:18 pm.

In Attendance:

Carol Brummett, President
 Anne Gleason, Treasurer
 Cathy Coffey, Membership/Book Sale
 Mevelyn Williams, Secretary
 Harriet Little, Member
 Debbie Lodge, Chair Advocacy Committee
 Autumn Reid, Member
 Beverly Brockman, Member
 Nancy Nicodemus, Member-at-large
 Ellen Hyatt, Liaison to SMR Writer's Guild
 Sandra Baden, Member
 Donna Underwood, Member
 Jennifer Armenti, Member
 Janet Rosenzweig, Member

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)

- Donation of \$50.00 in honor of James Moore received by Anne

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

Ellen E. Hyatt's most recent article ran in the Summerville Journal Scene on Wednesday, January 27th. This article is of special interest to everyone here: "Become a Friend". Ellen did a great job of promoting the Friends and included personal quotes from several folks in this room☺. Thank you, Ellen!

Library News:

- On February 2nd, we held a very successful program on the Underground Railroad, hearing from Ron Roth of the SC Humanities Council's Speakers Bureau – Bound for Canaan had 43 attendees – a great turnout! We will be considering similar programs focusing on history and will try the Thursday afternoon time slot again, too, since this worked well.
- The Strategic Planning and Facilities Assessment project continues to gather information from the community and from the staff. I believe the last meetings, with library administration, will be February 23-26. We expect the final report to be ready by early April.

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- This month's display in the glass case was provided by the local chapter of the NAACP in honor of Black History Month. We also have been featuring books on the Underground Railroad in the adult area and Black History heroes and stories in the Children's Area.
- Bookworm Literary Magazine is available in glossy hard copy here and in the schools! Our director decided to invest in print copies to help teens learn about the publication and hopefully draw more teen writers into the process.
- Adult Winter Reading Program – There is still time to enter! Tonight's meeting counts!

Requests:

Would it be possible to increase the Friends' Summer Reading Prize money from \$1500 to \$2000? This money is used to buy prizes and books for the children and teens. Increased participation means we have increased need in this area (which is a good thing☺)

NOTE: motion made by Anne and seconded by Harriett that this increase be made. It has been 4-5 years since this line item has been increased.

Please continue to spread the word about the library's community survey and library needs. Thank you so much for all you have been doing to speak up for the kind of library services you think our community needs. We truly want to be a "community driven" library!

Staff Report:

We are in the process of hiring a new Computer Center Monitor. Chase Priest has been with us for a year, but is moving out of the area. We hope to start our new monitor immediately after Presidents Day.

Upcoming Programs:

- 2/11/16 - Adult Coloring from 1-3 pm. All materials are provided.
- 2/15/16 - Presidents Day Holiday: Library Closed
- 2/18/16 - "It's a Mystery to Me" Book Club discusses *The Diary: a Charleston Chase Mystery*, by J. Sinclair Watts. 7 pm in the Westvaco Room
- 2/23/16 – Pinterest Class @ 1 pm, Westvaco Room
- 2/29/16 – Winter Reading Incentive Program Ends – All entries due!

Membership and Book Sale Report – C. Coffey

Membership:

New memberships for January – 11 (7 from the book sale)

Renewals in January – 23 includes one Patron

Donations made with dues: 4 totaling \$50.00

Depositing a total of \$540.00

of members current thru January 2016 – 181

Book Sale:

First and foremost, **THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH THE BOOK SALE.** This book sale could not happen without everyone's help. What looks like an impossible task at 10:30 when the books are delivered to the American Legion Post comes together and is sorted and ready by 5pm. A lot of credit goes to Anne Gleason, Karen Petros & Carol Brummett who pick up donated books and sort and box them in their garages and then move them to the storage unit for pick up by Ash & T's. We had 27 volunteers who helped during the sale, some just one day and several worked multiple days. **The gross sales total \$ 4,953.28.** we donated about 60 boxes and 15 flats of books to the

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Dorchester Habitat for Humanity. All the bills for the sales have not come in yet. \$65 was spent to update the roadside signs and banner with the correct sales dates. Storage, Advertising and Ash & T's Movers will be paid from the proceeds.

On the negative side, book Consignments, who has been selling some of our books online at a price about what we could charge has moved to Florida unannounced. We usually would receive a check around \$900 or more from them at each book sale from books they sold since the previous sale. We plan to contact them about monies owed us from last years sales.

On the plus side, one of our FOSL members sells books online. We are working with him to take over the job done by Book Consignments, Inc.

I am in the process of ordering more book bags. We are down to 15 bags. I spoke to our account rep at Jan Way and the price of the bags has not changed.

Horror Writers Association is sponsoring a WRITE IN at the library on Thursday, Feb. 25th from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Open to all genres. Contact Renay Marsh at violettempest1@gmail.com for more information.

NOTE: BROUGHT TO Our attention by Autumn that in the past, we've given gas gift cards to Anne, Karen and Carol in appreciation of their efforts in preparation for the book sale. Motion made by Harriett, seconded by Ellen that we continue this practice.

Summerville Writers Guild Liaison - Hyatt

1. Respective information about the Community Survey for residents of Dorchester County, as well as related items about Advocacy and library programs have been shared with the SWG.

2. Thank you, Executive Board, for responding to my request to share ideas about being a Friend. Your responses were crucial for the series of articles: LIVES CHANGE @ YOUR LIBRARY. The latest installment with your good ideas and reflections appeared in the SUMMERVILLE JOURNAL SCENE (Wed., Jan. 27, 2016, p.4B). It continues to be my pleasure to share your philosophy, duties, and activities and how they are helping to make the public aware of the library (its mission, needs, etc.) All this buttresses the Friends' 2016 goal for Advocacy. (To mimic the trend of current political campaigns, "You can clap now." [Only teasing, of course (-:).])

3. It is time for the SC Academy of Authors (SCAA) deadlines. Please note: Donations need to be in by Mar. 1 to make the program listing. Please see info from the SCAA below.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in bringing SC authors and their works to statewide (and beyond) audiences. It is generous and meaningful. I'll bring you a program from Anderson (Induction 2016 and celebration of the Academy's 30-year Anniversary).

From SCAA Website:

All donations are tax deductible and support the Academy's fellowships and annual induction ceremony. All donors are listed in the annual induction ceremony program.

The Academy of Authors is a registered 501(c)(3) organization and operates solely on the generosity of our donors and institutional partners. If you wish to donate, please consider one of the following categories:

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Supporter	up to \$99
Steward	\$100-\$299
Sustainer	\$300-\$499
Patron	\$500-\$699
Sponsor	\$700-\$999
Partner	\$1,000 and up

Checks should be made out to the SC Academy of Authors and mailed to:

The SC Academy of Authors
 701 Gervais Street
 Suite 150-195
 Columbia, SC 29201

Or use PayPal and make your donation today! Please see Website: scacademyofauthors.org.

Advocacy Committee Report - Lodge

The last meeting of the advocacy committee was January 12th. Two weeks later the What's *Your* Story Writing Contest flyers had been revised and printed and delivered to the library ready for the February 1st launch (see attached invoice) and a press release had been submitted to the Summerville Journal Scene and printed on Wednesday, January 27th. Publicity about the contest was sent to both the library and to the Friends for inclusion on their respective websites. On Tuesday, January 26th I met with members of the Speakers subcommittee for a planning session. Beverly Brockman, Ellen Hyatt and Donna Underwood each had valuable suggestions. One of the main ideas to come out of that session was the need for visuals to use in future community talks. The subcommittee expressed a desire for library photos that could be blown up and mounted. Rebecca Westfall, Branch Manager, has now provided a dozen possible photos for the Speakers to consider for use. On Thursday, January 28th, I met with Karene Feltner to bring her up to date on our goals. Karene, who along with her husband, Jaimie Feltner, former County Council Chair, has long been active in community affairs, was very enthusiastic and has some wonderful ideas for using media to advance our cause. Providence, the library consulting firm hired by the library, also conducted a series of community forums during that last week of January. I attended the Rivers Oaks Middle School forum and the forum held at County Council Chambers here in Summerville. Several Friends of the Library were present at one or more of the meetings. One of our newest committee members, Robyn Dudley, attended nearly all the forums at both ends of the county. Robyn also personally met with Summerville's new mayor, Wiley Johnson, to be sure he was aware of our efforts and to invite him to come or send a surrogate to one of the forums. Robyn, a recently retired academic librarian, is bursting with great ideas for reaching out to the community and has already proven herself a real asset to our committee. On Saturday, January 30th, the library's Westvaco Meeting Room was the scene of possibly the best attended forum. At that event Ellen Hyatt made contact with a young woman, Jennifer Armenti, who will be joining our cause. She is inspired by our efforts and has offered to produce a Powerpoint that will target young families. It was a very productive month for gathering ideas and talented people to our cause. Now it's time to get down to work. Future meetings of our committee will devote at least 30 minutes for the subcommittees to collaborate and plan.

(Invoice for InstyPrints submitted to Treasurer – A. Reid)

Upcoming Dates:

- Gigantic Book Sale – C. Coffey; Thursday, January 28-Sunday, January 31; American Legion Post 21
- Executive Board Meeting – C. Brummett; Tuesday, February 23rd; Panera Bread
- FOSL General Meeting – C. Brummett; Tuesday, March 8th; Westvaco Room
- Horror Writers Association WRITE IN, Thursday, Feb. 25th; at the library

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Unfinished business:

- June tea – Sandra Baden will be committee chair. Expected to be 6/5 but the publicist and Becky are still conferring on date

New Business:

- The Eagle Boy Scout project presented by Clay Shaffer (father Joe Shaffer in attendance as well).
- Plans presented for the new book collection area to be constructed by Clay. Costs expected to be less than \$250. Anne moved we allocate up to \$250 to this end and Cathy seconded.
- Clay and the troop will distribute flyers to homes in his neighborhood, about 1000, to request book donations for 6th to 12th grade which will go to Givhans Alternative School.
- A copy of the flyer and his proposal are included in the minutes folder.

Announcements/ For the Good of the Order:

Ellen Hyatt suggests that we find a good photographer.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mevelyn Williams, Secretary

March 6, 2016