

Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL)

Tuesday, March 8th, 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 7:10 pm.

In Attendance:

Carol Brummett, President
 Anne Gleason, Treasurer
 Cathy Coffey, Membership/Book Sale
 Mevelyn Williams, Secretary
 Rebecca Westfall, Library Liaison
 Debbie Lodge, Chair Advocacy Committee
 Autumn Reid, Member
 Beverly Brockman, Member
 Nancy Nicodemus, Member
 Ellen Hyatt, Liaison to SMR Writer's Guild
 Sandra Baden, Member
 Bob Tilidetzke, Member
 Renay Marsh, Member
 Jean Falkowski, Member
 Bob Tryon, Member
 Yusef Marshall, Member
 Wanda Marshall, 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)

- February minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Gleason)

- Financial report distributed to attendees and reviewed – all routine.

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

Lives Change @ Your Library!

Ellen E. Hyatt's most recent article ran in the Summerville Journal Scene on Wednesday, March 3rd. This article focused on participation of community members in the strategic planning project. Thank you, Ellen!

Library News:

- Our 1st Winter Reading Programs ran through the end of February. Prizes were awarded last week. On the children's side, there were hundreds of participants; we received a lot of good support from the DD2 schools.

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- Currently we are offering a reading incentive for ages 2-12, sponsored by Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus. Kids earn a free ticket to the circus (coming in April) for reading 5 books.
- The strategic planning and facilities assessment is continuing. I hope to have a report at our next meeting.
- Thank you to the Friends for the \$2000 given to purchase prizes for our children and teens who participate in reading programs this coming summer. Tina is planning some fun programs for them, and we anticipate a busy, fun summer!

Requests:

National Library Week is coming up April 10-16. We would like to order a poster/bookmark pack for displays promoting NLW. Request: \$66 for this purchase

NOTE: there is a line item in the budget already to cover this expense. Estimated residents in Dorchester County: 150K

Staff Report:

We are happy to have Lainey Brannock on our staff in the Computer Center, working evenings and weekends. She is a quick learner and is doing great work already!

Upcoming Programs:

- Color My World - Adult Coloring this Thursday from 1-3 pm. All materials are provided.
- National Library Week April 10-16 – fine free week
- Money \$mart Week @ Your Library April 24-30 - financial programs for all ages

Membership and Book Sale Report – C. Coffey

Membership: We had three new members join in February, one renewal, and a donation of \$85.00. Deposit turned in \$135.00.

Book Sale: Not very much happening yet. Have scheduled the banner for April 25-May 1st at the end of the Berlin G Myers Parkway. Books continue to be donated. Gift cards were purchased for Anne Gleason and Karen Petros for all their hard work. I'm working on updating the flyers and book marks. Book Sale flyers and requests for volunteers will go out later this month.

Summerville Writers Guild Liaison - Hyatt

1. Some SWG members reported that they did complete the library's survey.

2. In addition, I:

- a. invited those SWG members who live in Dorchester County to write their County Council, per the Advocacy Committee and supplied copies of the sample letter;
- b. reminded the SWG that any of them could write letters-to-the-editor on behalf of the library;
- c. reported that the Friends have extended the Writing Contest deadline;
- d. encouraged them to share that news with others;
- e. and provided respective Websites for them to keep abreast of the ongoing library happenings, especially those pertinent to Advocacy.

3. The Website (scacademyofauthors.org) now shows the four Inductees (and their bios*) to be honored on April 16, 2016, in Anderson, SC: Dorothy Allison (fiction and poetry), Orville Vernon Burton (historian), Betsy Byars, (children's literature) and Guy Davenport (essays and fiction).

[*Yes, we know an errant "r" still appears in "Newbery Medal." Alas, in the manner of typical Tech topography, the site would not accept the edited and corrected pdf. But it is being worked on.]

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Advocacy Committee Report – D. Lodge

Jennifer Armenti, a member of the Outreach group, has created a colorful, upbeat presentation about our library. You can view it at our new Facebook page that she also created. The page is called ADVOCATES FOR SUMMERVILLE LIBRARY.

The Speakers group, spearheaded by Beverly Brockman and assisted by Ellen Hyatt, Donna Underwood, and Sandra Baden, has been firming up their presentation. The presentation is meant to be used when speaking to outside groups. Jennie Redmond, DCL Library Director, has created a flyer that can be used for our outreach events. Robyn Dudley first proposed the idea and provided input on the content of the flyer. Robyn has also been working with the Friends of the Library outreach crew to set up a Third Thursday outreach opportunity for Library Advocacy.

Beverly Brockman and Robyn Dudley also wrote positive but persuasive letters to their County Council Representatives when the Advocacy Committee became aware that some of those representatives were not cooperating with Providence, the consulting firm hired by the Library.

The “What’s Your Story?” Writing Contest deadline has been extended until Monday, March 21st. We have several submissions in the adult category but none so far in the Children’s or Teen category. If you know someone whose life was positively impacted by the Summerville Library, please let them know about the contest. Remember, there are cash prizes for the winners in each age category!

And finally, I have contacted the office of Jason Ward, the County Administrator for Dorchester County, regarding the possibility of getting road signs (with the Universal Library logo) erected on Trolley Road in order to increase the visibility of the library. Mr. Ward and his assistant were both out of town but I was assured my email would be passed to him upon his return. I will be following up on this if I do not hear from Mr. Ward’s office very soon.

Upcoming Dates:

- Gigantic Book Sale – C. Coffey; Thursday, April 28 - Sunday, May 1; American Legion Post 21
- Executive Board Meeting – C. Brummett; Tuesday, March 22nd; Panera Bread
- FOSL General Meeting – C. Brummett; Tuesday, April 12, 7pm; Westvaco Room
- Advocacy Committee – D. Lodge; April 12, 6-7pm; DCL-Westvaco Room
- DC Library Board Meeting – Monday, April 21, 7pm
- Story Walk – A. Reid; April 10, 2-4; Sol Alexander Playground
- Karen WhiteTea – Sandra Baden, June 5, 2-4pm; Grace Lutheran Church. Cost of books are \$20.50 returnable or \$16.50, non-returnable.
- Change in date for the May meeting due to Confederate Memorial Day – General meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17; same time and same location.

New Business:

- March Third Thursday – Anne Gleason to represent FOSL

Announcements/ For the Good of the Order:

Ellen Hyatt’s poem titled. Morning Coffee is printed on the last page of the Azalea Magazine, spring 2016 edition.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mevelyn Williams, Secretary

April 11, 2016