

Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL)

Tuesday, April 12th, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Summerville Library met on Tuesday, April 12, 2016. Carol Brummett, President called the meeting to order at 7:12 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
 Harriet Little, Member
 Beverly Brockman, Member
 Carole Brier, Member
 Sandra Baden, Member
 G. Warren McCarl, Library Board Member
 Karen Petros, Member
 Bob Tryon, Member
 Jennie Redmond, Dorchester County Library Director

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)

- March minutes were approved.
- Story Walk Recap-marvelous activities featuring Pete The Cat with hands on exploration, use of vocabulary skills, texture exploration, and talking center. Attended by roughly 50 youngsters with parents and/or grandparents.

Treasurer's Report (Gleason)

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

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

Lives Change @ Your Library!

Ellen E. Hyatt's next article has been submitted to the Summerville Journal Scene. The FOSL Author Tea featuring Karen White and her new book, Flight Patterns, is mentioned. Attention is also drawn to the SCAA winners and our Library display highlighting the Academy's new inductees. Thank you, Ellen!

Library News:

- This is National Library Week! We are partnering with Lowcountry Food Bank (Thanks, Autumn!) to collect canned goods in lieu of fines. Library late fees will be forgiven at a rate of \$1 for each canned food item donated.

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- Thank you to FOSL for purchasing the “Libraries Transform” posters that we are using to promote National Library Week. Check out Melissa’s lovely display over the front counter.

Requests:

The Seago Libraby would like to purchase some reusable bags with the library logo for a summer project. We plan to put together “To-go” Bags that patrons can check out. Inside would be a themed selection of library materials. For example, the Italy ‘to-go’ bag might contain a travel guide of Italy, a novel set in Italy, an Italian cookbook, and a copy of the dvd, Under the Tuscan Sun. We thought this would be a fun approach to try for the summer. The minimum order on the bags is 100; we would use the remaining bags for prizes and promotional gifts to advertise the library. See quote.

NOTE: cost per bag is \$1.79/\$249 total. Anne made motion that the funds be provided, Harriet seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

No changes.

Upcoming Programs:

- Color My World - Adult Coloring this Thursday from 1-3 pm. All materials are provided.
- Silhouette Artist John Martin this Saturday from 10am – 2pm: Stories, art, and the option to have Mr. Martin cut a silhouette for you. Parents can bring their children and make a donation to charity for a silhouette of their child.
- April 19 – Computer Class at 1pm: “file Storage and Organization” Sign up at the main desk or by calling the library
- April 19 – Free Legal Clinic sponsored by SC Bar Association at 6:30pm on the subject of “end of Life Issues” (Health Care Power of Attorney, Living Wills, DNR Orders, Power of Attorney, Funeral Planning, Cremation)
- Money \$mart Week @ Your Library April 24-30 - financial programs for all ages

NOTE: The colorful tree stand placed in the Westvaco room is provided from the Grits Festival float which won 1st place in the non-commercial category.

Membership and Book Sale Report – C. Coffey

Membership: \$55.00 collected in membership fees. Two new and two renewals.

Book Sale: I have redone the donation bin sign in the library to go with the new bins in their new location. Flyers announcing the book sale along with a flyer requesting volunteers have been sent out to all members with email. Flyers will be mailed to all members without email. Please contact me if you would like to help with the book sale April 28-May 1. Ash & T’s has been secured to pick up the books from storage and deliver them to the American Legion Post on April 28th. Habitat for Humanity will pick up the unsold books on Tuesday, May 3rd. Advertising in the SJS is in place for April 20, 22, 25, and 27th. The banner and road signs have been updated and ready. The banner will be hung at the end of Berlin G Myers Parkway starting on April 25th. Autumn has updated the website and Facebook page. Bookmarks are ready to be printed for distribution at the library. Notices for the various newspaper calendars will be going out soon. Cathy Coffey, 843-871-6440, cathysfosl@aol.com

Summerville Writers Guild Liaison – E. Hyatt

1. A few members of the SWG are interested in helping with refreshments for the Author/Tea event on June 5. I’ll share the particulars with them.

2. The “Lives Change @ Your Library” series submitted to the JOURNAL SCENE for April mentions the tea, thus readying readers for the press release.

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3. Reading and judging for the Writing Contest for Advocacy for the library was enjoyed and completed by writer friends, SWG, and me so results could be combined with other judges' choices and summarized by Advocacy Chair Debbie Lodge.

Advocacy Committee Report – D. Lodge

The Committee met on March 8th and received an update on the progress of Providence, the library's consulting firm from Jennie Redmond, Library Director. The final report will be available to the library staff on April 12th and will be presented for the general public on Monday, April 18th at 7:00pm at the Dorchester County Council's regular meeting at Council Chambers here in Summerville. As a demonstration of our conviction and support for expanded library services, as many of us as possible should try to attend this County Council Meeting. We will not need to speak but Cathy Coffey has created badges with our Advocacy Logo on it that we can all wear to identify our purpose in attending.

There were some concerns that surfaced from our meeting in February when the topic of using the word "referendum" as we speak to the community was discussed. We were asked to hold off a bit on that which had some members confused about our purpose as a committee. After discussing this with Ms. Redmond, I am confident that this was just a temporary "slow down" that was needed during a critically sensitive time but that our members may resume our advocacy for a referendum very soon. Chances for a referendum look positive according to Ms. Redmond. It was clarified that Providence will act only as a consultant in developing a five year plan for Dorchester County Library and that any political actions will have to come directly from the people of the Summerville community.

On March 17th, Robyn Dudley and I joined FOSL members, Cathy Coffey and Anne Gleason for Third Thursday at Hutchinson Square where we met residents and spread the word about both FOSL and the efforts of the Advocacy Committee.

On March 23rd the Speaker's Group subcommittee met to develop a draft for our Powerpoint presentation. Beverly Brockman, using the points we had agreed that needed to be included, had done the hard part before the meeting and we only needed to tweak her rough draft. We also discussed what graphics and photos would best illustrate our message. With that in mind, I took a few photos of the library and gathered others from various sources to fit our needs. Beverly, her husband Ernie Brockman and I all met at their home to insert the visuals and to further tweak our draft.

Robyn Dudley worked with a realtor friend to compile a list of Summerville area Home Owners Associations. This list will be helpful in determining which HOA's present newcomers with welcome baskets or packets. We want to be able to add information about the library, FOSL and our advocacy efforts to those baskets and packets. I will be distributing the list to the Outreach subcommittee for their consideration.

The "What's Your Story" Writing Contest reached its extended deadline of March 21st with 11 adult entries, 2 teen entries and 1 child entry. There were several well written and inspiring entries. National Library Week's theme of "Libraries Transform" fits beautifully with our contestants' stories. The First Place in the Adult category is awarded to Ivy Farr McIntyre's "Making Memories" and the Second Place in the Adult Category is awarded to Dylan Murphy for her "Library". The First Place for the Teen category is awarded to Tavashia Berry for her "Libraries: the Hidden Easter Eggs" and Second Place is awarded to Shanel Gordon for her "How The Library Helps Me". The First Place Child category is awarded to Owen Gabler for his "Why I Like the Library". Look for these essays and more in the Summerville Journal Scene in the near future. Many thanks to our judges: Ellen Hyatt, Ellen McNeal and Glenda Bolyn from the Summerville Writer's Guild; Sandra Baden, Dr. David Rison and Debbie Lodge from the Advocacy Committee/FOSL and David Kennard, Executive Editor of the Summerville Journal Scene.

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Upcoming Dates:

- Gigantic Book Sale – C. Coffey; Thursday, April 28 - Sunday, May 1; American Legion Post 21
- Executive Board Meeting – C. Brummett; Tuesday, April 26th; Panera Bread
- FOSL General Meeting – C. Brummett; Tuesday, May 17, 7pm; Westvaco Room (Change in date for the May meeting due to Confederate Memorial Day)
- Advocacy Committee – D. Lodge; May 17, 6-7pm; DCL-Westvaco Room
- DC Library Board Meeting – Monday, April 21, 7pm
- Karen White Tea – Sandra Baden, June 5, 2-4pm; Grace Lutheran Church. Books cost \$20.50 if returnable or \$16.50, non-returnable.

New Business:

Announcements/ For the Good of the Order:

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mevelyn Williams, Secretary

May 9, 2016