

Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL)

Tuesday July 9, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Summerville Library met on Tuesday July 9, 2019. Becky Westfall, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

In Attendance:

Becky Westfall, President
 Mevelyn Williams, Vice President
 Michaela Wiesner, Library Liaison
 Beverly Brockman, Secretary
 Ellen Hyatt-Member At Large
 Kathy Marrah-Member At Large
 Cathy Coffey, Book Sale Committee Chair
 Autumn Reid, Public Relations and Publicity Committee Chair
 Nancy Nicodemus, Past President
 Carol Brummett, Past President
 Brenda Birckhead (guest)

Approval of the previous meeting minutes-June 11, 2019

Kathy Marrah attested that the minutes of the June FOSL meeting were correct. The minutes were accepted for filing as presented.

Outgoing President's Passing of the Gavel

Outgoing President Nancy Nicodemus passed the gavel to incoming President Becky Westfall as a ceremonial way to mark the beginning of the new Executive Board's term.

President's Report (Westfall)

The incoming new President of FOSL thanked all present for their confidence in electing her to serve for the next two years. She stated each member of the new board is eager to make this year another good year for the organization. She further thanked the outgoing officers for the smooth transition in passing along documents and any suggestions to the new incoming board. Ellen Hyatt discussed the need to ALWAYS ensure a smooth handoff of items in a board officer transition and Autumn Reid discussed how each primary officer position on the FOSL Board can have an e-mail for that position with a location for files on the GOOGLE account where information can reside for easy access by new persons assuming the roles.

Becky also added that she hoped everyone could stay after the meeting for refreshments and that the refreshment table held some small floral gifts for each member of the outgoing board.

Becky further shared there was discussion at the organizational meeting the Executive Board resulting in selection of priorities for focus. Those priorities selected were Public Relations and Publicity. Additionally, it was discussed the need to encourage more folks to join the Friends and become active members. We need members to join committees and volunteer to help with projects. Cathy Coffey is asking for volunteers at the Book Sale September 6-8, 2019 and we would like to grow the Public Relations and Publicity Committee led by Autumn Reid so the community will be more aware of the activities of FOSL and the importance of the Library. Mevelyn Williams, our Vice President will need and welcome assistance on membership. We will need people as well for the Events Committee and Fundraising with the first emphasis being on leadership in these areas. Sign-up sheets were provided at the back of the room. Ideas will always be welcomed in all areas.

The FOSL Mission was reviewed by the President and she plans for it to be a focus of monthly meetings to help us stay focused on it. It will be formally printed in the agenda each month.

Treasurer's Report (presented by Westfall in the absence of Gleason)-one correction was noted and made.

Library Liaison (Wiesner) - discussed new library website--- dorchesterlibrarysc.org—some final corrections are being made to it and should be corrected in the next few days. Michaela reported that the Summer Reading program is going well. She shared there will be a Harry Potter Birthday Festival on July 31st with activities, prizes and giveaways for all ages. Children and adults may wear costumes if they wish. From 10AM until 7PM, there will be 5 different programs, Baby & Me Storytime, Birds of Prey, Chemistry Demonstration, O.W.L. Exams and Summerville Orchestra Ensemble Concert as the last event at 7PM that day. Additionally, regarding another event please read the Library website or call the library for more details on the Gracie and Lacey event on the 24th of JULY 2019. There are also plans for alcohol and drug commission classes for teens and then later some classes will be held for ADULTS ONLY to have an awareness of drug and alcohol issues as it may relate to their teens. Michaela also discussed the date of July 23, 2019 as the time for the GET REAL BOOKCLUB, one of the relatively newer reading clubs in the library.

Liaison to the Summerville Journal Scene (Ellen E. Hyatt)—Ellen first thanked everyone for their kind words, cards, and e-mails as she was going through her rehabilitation from her fall. She told everyone that it meant so much to her and she appreciated every kind word and encouragement.

Ellen then talked about the catchy headline in the Summerville Journal “Romance Ongoing at Summerville Library” and wanted to reassure us again that it was not created by her but the newspaper. The news article was about the Romance Book Club and the fact it is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Additionally, Ellen shared there is a REISSUE of the author Richard Samuel Roberts Photo Book. Thirty-three years ago, a book was published in Columbia that had a wide-ranging effect in the fields of photography and African American studies and which made a posthumous celebrity of a Depression Era artist who died in obscurity a half century earlier. The Book, “A True Likeness: The Black South of Richard Samuel Roberts, 1920-1936” edited by Thomas L. Johnson and Phillip C. Dunn is being republished this month by the University of SC Press with an official rollout and panel discussion at the Columbia Museum of Art. This event will be on Saturday 13 JULY from 2-4PM and is free with membership or admission. Michaela was going to determine if the library had a copy of the original book and Ellen shared this information about the reissue of the book.

For the Good of the Order Statement: Sharing Cole Porter's lyrics “You're the TOP” on a CD, Ellen said it is a way for us to honor the outgoing officers while welcoming the new ones. She wanted the lyrics to be a reminder that those who serve their community library are “Tops.” In that vein, she had a bag of tops so that each person there could remember to serve without “spinning” out of control.

Adjournment: The business meeting adjourned about 7:15PM and refreshments provided by Kathy Marrah, Carol Brummett, and Becky Westfall were enjoyed by all until the library closed at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Beverly Brockman, Secretary
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