

Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL)

Tuesday August 13, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Summerville Library met on Tuesday August 13, 2019. Mevelyn Williams, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:36PM.

In Attendance:

Mevelyn Williams, Vice President
 Leslie Koller, Librarian
 Beverly Brockman, Secretary
 Anne Gleason, Treasuer
 Ellen Hyatt-Member At Large
 Cathy Coffey, Book Sale Committee Chair
 Carol Brummett, Past President
 Robert Antill, Director
 Debbie Lodge, Advocacy
 Donna Underwood-Advocacy
 Harriet Little, Member
 Kevin Carroll, Member
 Pat Smithdorf, Member
 Karen Petros, Member

Approval of the previous meeting minutes-July 9, 2019

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

Introductions of all attendees (Requested by Vice President, Mevelyn Williams)

President's Report provided by Becky Westfall was reviewed by the Vice President, Mevelyn Williams. All in attendance had a copy of the agenda to review the comments. They were as follows: "Each change of season brings interesting new possibilities. While enjoying a long-planned getaway to savor the end of summer, the upcoming fall with its' opportunities are on my mind:

County Council is moving forward to put a referendum question on this November's ballot asking for \$30M in bonds to build new libraries in Dorchester County. A group of us want to expand our PR/Advocacy efforts to lend support to the referendum. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Autumn Reid [e-mailautumnreid@gmail.com](mailto:emailautumnreid@gmail.com) (PR Chair) or me (Advocacy) rebecca.s.westfall@gmail.com. If you are interested in what Friends organizations can do to publicize and support library expansion, visit United for Libraries <http://www.ala.org/united/powerguide>

Other committees also need more members: The Events/Fundraising Committee needs a chair and members. Mevelyn leads the membership committee. Let Mevelyn or me know if you are interested in helping out in any way!

Cathy Coffey and Team are organizing another Used Book Sale at the American Legion Hut on Sumter Avenue September 6-8. She has lots of volunteer opportunities for those who would like to help. The Book Sales are always fun events, and they are FOSL's primary fundraising effort.

Our DCL Staff liaison, Michaela Wiesner, has followed a new opportunity to become head of cataloguing for the library system. Her new assignment is in St. George, so she will no longer be able to act as the FOSL liaison. We appreciate all she has done for us and wish her well in her new endeavors. Since this is a new development, we hope to hear more from the Library by our next meeting about a new liaison.

Thank you for your attendance tonight and for your interest in supporting the library. Please consider taking a new opportunity to serve in FOSL.

Vice President's Membership Report (Williams)-Membership as of the General Meeting is 166 and includes Debbie Lodge's membership.

Treasurer's Report (Gleason)-Report was provided and reviewed. One minor error was noted and will be corrected. Total June Income should read \$788.87 and not \$432.08. Overall Beginning Balance Checking as of July 1, 2019 was \$19,219.08 , Ending Balance Checking July 31, 2019 is \$19,809.85 and Total Funds Available as of June 30, 2019 are \$39,277.79 which includes the Money Market Balance.

Ann also added that the THIRD THURSDAY event in downtown Summerville needed to be on the upcoming events for the agenda. It is THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2019. Anne will be handling our display and requested assistance as Cathy was unable to help her and did not receive any volunteers. She also has FOSL booked for THIRD THURSDAY in SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER!

Book Sale Report (Cathy Coffey)-The Fall Friends of the Summerville Library Book Sale will be Friday, September 6, Saturday, September 7th, and Sunday, September 8, 2019 with the set-up date on Thursday September 5th. Again, the book sale will be held at the American Legion Post, 2015 Sumter Avenue, Summerville, SC. That is across the street from St. John's the Beloved Church.

Two flyers were provided at the meeting announcing the book sale. Cathy advised to feel free to share them with your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. We will need many volunteers to help with the set up and during the sale. Every volunteer helps make the sale a success! Please think about volunteering around 3 hours per shift to help. You get to chose your day and time. Remember, all volunteers get half off the total price of any books they want at the end of their work shift. Volunteers do not have to be FOSL members. We also encourage students to help in order to get the volunteer credit hours they need for their school or for other organization requirements. A roster was sent around the room for additional sign-ups!

All FOSL members receive a discount coupon at the door: \$2 off a \$10 purchase or \$5 off a \$20 purchase. Please contact Cathy Coffey by phone or e-mail if you can help. 843-871-6440 (I have voice mail—leave name and phone number if I am not at home) Email is cathysfosl@aol.com

PR and Publicity Committee Report-(Provided in advance of meeting by Autumn Reid)--Autumn has spoken with Jennifer Smith of the library to ensure the library's Facebook post is updated. Jennifer assured her it would be updated. Autumn's report also stated that anyone interested in being a part of the PR committee can e-mail her at emailautumnreid@gmail.com. Autumn will also be putting together a first quarter proposal for increasing FOSL presence.

ACTING Library Liaison (Robert Antill) - Leslie Koller gave a preview of the website as requested by FOSL President, Becky Westfall. Leslie discussed the huge success with the Harry Potter event which drew over

1200 people over a 10 hour period of time. Harry Potter will be 40 in 2020 so an even larger event is planned. Leslie requested FOSL add additional funds to our budget for 2020 to support the Harry Potter event. Some discussion was held regarding donations but since the library cannot accept donations and the FOSL can, that may be something FOSL discusses in more detail to help in 2020. Leslie also mentioned that the library may request an additional \$1,000 for the Summer Reading Program due in large part to the popularity of the Harry Potter event. They ran out of refreshments. The staff all worked very hard to support the event and complimented Cathy Coffey(FOSL Member) for working tirelessly for many, many hours until 8PM that evening.

Further, she discussed on Sunday September 15, an author, Susan Cushman will be doing a "Launch tour" with Summerville Library. Leslie stated a flyer would be sent to Beverly, the secretary to distribute. On October 9th and 10th, the library will be hosting a Health and Wellness Fair in conjunction with Trident Health. There is also another program which is going to be jointly conducted with Berkeley and Charleston and Dorchester counties so if the event is missed in one area, folks can attend in another area.

October 22, 2019 will be the Alcohol and Drug Program to help adults become aware of how teens many hide drugs, etc. No one will be allowed to attend this meeting unless 21 years of age or older and ID's will be checked at the door. Harriett Little made a motion that FOSL put an ad in the Summerville Journal for this program since the library cannot do it. This was voted and approved to do so by the members.

Leslie stated that after the conclusion of the FOSL business meeting, then she and Robert would be presenting the update on the library website and the update on the status of the library.

Liaison to the Summerville Journal Scene (Ellen E. Hyatt)—Ellen's report for the AUGUST FOSL meeting was as follows: My report on Our Lives Change@ Your Library series in the Journal Scene is that there is no report. The article was planned for, researched, written, edited, deliver with gratitude, but alas never appeared in the paper. No explanation or response from the editor is available. This series has been one part of an effort to keep advocating for libraries. (SIDE NOTE: Robert Antill did share a copy of the library article that was published in the Summerville Journal this week with Ellen and others present.)

Ellen would like to write a future article briefly introducing the new officers. Let's think of a clever way to do this. If we could find a way for photos, this could be a permanent part of the Friends' Bulletin Board. Should there be contact info? I don't believe this point was discussed so will need to be reviewed at the executive board meeting in August.

For the Good of the Order Statement: Ellen shared from Will Rogers---"So get a few laughs and do the best you can. Don't have an ideal to work for. That's like riding towards the mirage of a lake.

Upcoming Dates:

Executive Board Meeting-Saturday-August 24, 2019 at 9:00AM (Perkins on Trolley Road)

RESCHEDULED Gigantic Book Sale-September 13-15 -American Legion Post on Sumter Avenue

General Meeting Tuesday-September 10, 2019-at 6:30PM—Westvaco Room of the Library: Business Meeting followed by Referendum Update

Third Thursday on August 15, 2019 and booked for September and October 2019

Adjournment: The business meeting adjourned at 7:09M and a presentation on the update of the library website was done by Leslie Koller and then an update on the status of the library by Robert Antill. Mr. Antill reported that the council approved the addition of the referendum for the November ballot!

Respectfully submitted:
Beverly Brockman, Secretary
August 13, 2019