

Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL)
Tuesday March 10, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Summerville Library met Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Becky Westfall, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

In Attendance:

Becky Westfall, President
Beverly Brockman, Secretary
Anne Gleason, Treasurer
Ellen Hyatt, Member-At-Large
Cathy Coffey, Book Sale Committee Chair, Kevin Carroll, Advocacy Committee Chair
Carol Brummett, Hospitality Committee Chair
Leslie Koller, DC Library Liaison
Harriet Little, Member
Donna Underwood, Member
Pat Smithdorff, Member
Debbie Lodge, Member

Welcome and Introductions (Westfall)

Approval of the January meeting minutes (Brockman) Westfall asked members if there were any additional changes to the February General Meeting Minutes. Harriet Little then made a motion for the minutes to be accepted, and it was seconded by Anne Gleason. The minutes were accepted for filing.

President's Report: (Becky Westfall)

Thank you to the 11 members who took time to attend the Friends training session led by a representative from the SC State Library. We will continue learning about the important role Friends groups can play by attending the Friends of the SC Libraries Conference on April 3 at the St. Helena Branch of Beaufort County Library. If anyone would like to attend, please complete one of the registration forms tonight. These completed forms will be mailed tomorrow so we can beat the March 14th deadline for early registration. FOSL will pay the \$15 registration fee for the conference which includes lunch.

Vice President's Report on Membership: (Westfall for Williams)

In February, I received notice of 2 new members from the book sale and 5 renewals. From the library box, I received 2 additional renewals which brings our total membership to 238. Anne Gleason noted she had picked up three more new memberships at the PO Box on the date of our general meeting.

This month, the new member letter was modified; the FOSL bulletin board in the library was also updated with the new FOSL membership brochure. Williams has the inventory of remaining brochures from the 1,000 quantity that was ordered. Harriet Little suggested on the next printing, a year be added on the brochure.

Treasurer's Report (Gleason)

The 2020 Budget received final approval by vote of the membership. Harriet Little made a motion to accept the budget and it was seconded by Kevin Carroll. The Monthly Budget Report was provided to all members as well. Gleason reviewed again with the members how to choose FOSL as their Charity of Choice when buying through Amazon using the Amazon Smile option.

Book Sale Committee Report (Coffey)

Coffey advised the next book sale would be May 1st-May 3rd with the set-up being held on April 30, 2020. Coffey also reported purchasing an additional 500 bags as our inventory was low. Coffey and Gleason advised they will plan to support THIRD THURSDAY on March 19, 2020 as well as take some of the Library Program flyers to have on hand.

PR/Publicity Committee Report (President Westfall for Autumn Reid)

Reid advised she emailed interested parties regarding setting up a time to meet to discuss working with the PR committee. Reid also stated she met with FOSL Board members to provide an overview of Google Drive and advised at that same meeting her willingness to provide one-on-one additional support to members to familiarize with the use of Google Drive.

Events Committee Report (President Westfall for Sandra Baden)

There are no further updates on the Mary Alice Monroe Tea scheduled for June 7, 2020. (This is a 100% FOSL event.)

The Susan Zurenda author visit remains on track for May 17, 2020. Please note that Baden will be out of town on this date and Leslie Koller will be arranging the room and introducing the author on that day. Carol Brummett will be coordinating refreshments. Baden encourages FOSL members to attend. Main Street Reads will provide books for sale. (This event is jointly coordinated between the Library and FOSL.)

Hospitality Committee Report (Carol Brummett)

We shall be honoring our library staff on April 24, 2020 from 8:30 until 9:30 with set-up being at 7:30AM. The Library Board, our FOSL Board and members are invited to participate. We will need creative and delicious dishes to be donated. Any and all ideas and suggestions are welcome.

A team effort will be needed to provide food, set-up, clean up and decorating. We all have talents this committee would like to engage. Please think of your favorite dish and use your artistic ability, and let's show this staff how much they are appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be passed for those who are ready to volunteer for this celebration. We will also have the sign-up sheet at the April General Meeting. It happens to also be National Library week the week of this breakfast.

Bylaws Committee Report (Westfall for Marrah)

Revised Bylaws have been reviewed and approved by the board. Several edits to grammar or wording were submitted by Leslie Koller (excellent proofreading). The version supplied by the Bylaws Committee went out to all members two weeks ago. The final copy was approved with changes by the membership with Anne Gleason moving to accept and Harriet Little seconding the motion.

Advocacy Report (Carroll)

No Report.

Library Liaison: (Leslie Koller, MLIS, Assistant Branch Manager)**Programming:**

We have begun purchasing items for the Harry Potter raffle prizes, which is completely funded with FOSL funds. We will offer some great prizes again this year and will share a master list of raffle prizes with the Friends as we get closer to the program. [Fri., July 31, 2020]

I will have a sign-up sheet for Harry Potter volunteers at the May and June meetings and will notify everyone ahead of time about which area they will be volunteering in so that there aren't any surprises on that day.

Our Teen Librarian, Elizabeth Neal offered to share \$200 of her FOSL Summer Reading funds to purchase copies of “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” as giveaway books leading up to the July program. With the \$200 and a well-timed coupon purchase, we were able to buy 24 paperback copies. Discussion was held and it was determined FOSL will spend the money for bookplates for those copies.

I will share dates of other upcoming summer programs as we get closer.

Our spring program guides just came out and are available for patrons to take. You can also find a PDF copy of the program guide on the homepage of our website.

Leslie discussed that the Library was to have a booth on SAT and SUN only at the Flowertown Festival and had a part-time employee that was to work on those days as well. A list of names of FOSL members were given during the course of the meeting to assist the Library. (NOTE: Since the FOSL March General Meeting, the Flowertown Festival Scheduled for 3-5 APRIL 2020 has been postponed to 4-6 SEPTEMBER 2020 due to the safety and wellbeing concerns of the community due to Coronavirus)

Liaison to the *Journal Scene* (Ellen E. Hyatt)

Thanks to the Friends for continuing the annual donation to the South Carolina Academy of Authors (SCAA), relating to the Friends’ mission of “encouraging educational activities.”

Our Lives Change @ Your Library series in the JOURNAL SCENE did appear on Wed., Feb. 19, 2020, A4. It is the article about encouraging membership/service to the Friends.

If you are in Aiken anytime during the SCAA Induction Weekend of Fri., April 17-Sun., April 19, here are a couple of events available. (Other events usually have to be reserved and paid for early in the year.)

- APRIL 17: 7:30 p.m. **Oswald Distinguished Writers Series** featuring four INDUCTEES: Pam Durban, Steven Naifeh (and his work with the late Gregory White Smith), Andrew Geyer, and James Mathewes Legare. Main stage of Etherredge Center, USC-Aiken, free and open to the public [the program will last about an hour followed by a book signing in the lobby].
- APRIL 18: 2:00 p.m. **Dedication** of the Gravesite of James Mathewes Legare as an **American Library Association Literary Landmark**, St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church, 125 Pendleton Street, ceremony and reception, free and open to the public.
- APRIL 19: 1:30 p.m. **Dedication of a new historical marker** in front of the Legare-Morgan Cottage, 241 Laurens Street, sponsored by the Aiken County Historical Society. The house is the second oldest domestic structure in Aiken, dating to 1837, open house and reception, free and open to the public.

Upcoming Dates:

- FOSL Executive Board, 1:30 pm TUESDAY, March 31, 2020, Perkins Restaurant Trolley Road (Cancelled due to Coronavirus)
- April 3 - Friends of SC Libraries Annual Meeting, Beaufort, SC (Cancelled Due to Coronavirus)
- April 3-5 Flowertown Festival-shared booth with DCL (Since GEN MTG Flowertown Festival Postponed to 4-6 SEP)
- April FOSL Meeting, Tuesday, 4/14/2020, at 6:30 pm in the Westvaco Room Library
- April 19-25 – National Library Week
- April 24, 2020-8:30AM-9:30AM, Staff Appreciation Breakfast (Friday of National Library Week)
- April 30 – May 3, 2020—Gigantic Book Sale! (Date being Reviewed by FOSL Board-Coronavirus)
- May 17 – Book Talk at Seago Library with Susan Zurenda (*Bells for Eli*)

- June 7 – Author Tea with Mary Alice Monroe introducing her new release, *On Ocean Boulevard*
- July 31, 2020-Harry Potter Birthday Festival-ALL AGES-ALL DAY EVENT- Harry’s 40th Birthday (1980-2020)

For the Good of the Order (Open to All for Contribution)

“For this relief, much thanks!”--Hamlet-Act I--(shared by Ellen Hyatt)

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM

Our Mission:

The mission of FOSL shall be to act as a bridge between the George H. Seago, Jr. Library, commonly known as the Summerville Library (hereafter in this document, “the Library”) and the community by:

- 1) Increasing public awareness of, focusing attention on, and expanding the use of the Library as a valuable resource for an informed community.
- 2) Initiating, organizing, promoting, and encouraging cultural and educational activities.
- 3) Encouraging gifts and endowments as well as raising funds in support of the Library and FOSL activities.
- 4) Working with the Dorchester County Library Board of Trustees, the Dorchester County Library Director, and the Summerville Library Branch Manager in a spirit of mutual cooperation.

_____Mission Statement from the November 2017 version of the FOSL Bylaws _____