

Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL) Tuesday, July 11, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Summerville Library met on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Carol Brummett, outgoing President called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

In Attendance:

Nancy Nicodemus, President
Cathy Coffey, Membership/Book Sale
Mevelyn Williams, Secretary
Kathy Marrah, Treasurer
Carol Brummett, former President
Ellen Hyatt, Liaison to SMR Writers Guild
Beverly Brockman, Member
Jennifer Smith, Children's Librarian
Sandra Baden, Member
Karen Petros, Member
Anne Gleason, Member
Autumn Reid, Member
Robert Antill, Executive Director
Jennifer Gleber, Summerville Branch Director
Dr. G. Warren McCarl, Library Board Member

Agenda:

1. Passing of the Torch (Brummett)
2. President and Publicity reports (Nicodemus)
3. Treasurer's report (Marrah)
4. Library Liaison report (Smith)
5. Membership Committee/Book Sale report (Coffey)
5. Summerville Writers Guild Liaison (Hyatt)
6. Unfinished business (Nicodemus)
7. New business (Nicodemus)
8. Upcoming meetings/event dates
9. Adjournment

Passing of the Torch (Brummett)

- Carol opened the meeting by the giving of gifts to each board member: a special gift, selected for each one, and presented with gracious words of wisdom.
- Carol presented a wooden gavel to Nancy, incoming president, along with a chocolate bar!
- Much credit for great accomplishments goes to Carol with all our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for her tenure.

President's Report (Nicodemus)

- Many thanks, loving thoughts and well wishes given to Carol Brummett as outgoing president, along with a unique hanging basket plant.
- June minutes were approved.
- The August meeting will be highly abbreviated in order that we may have time for reading of the essay on the eclipse. Hopefully, the greater membership will be interested in coming out for this momentous event.

Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL) Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Treasurer's Report (Marrah)

- Monthly expense report for June was presented. Approved and filed for audit.
- There are funds in the budget for us to be able to do something significant for the library that hopefully will be portable and useful for the new facility.

Library Liaison Report – J. Smith

I wanted to thank the FOSL for offering to purchase materials for our fall maker space events. I, unfortunately, did not have a chance to order the items and when I did, the items were no longer available. I have gone back to the drawing board and selected similar items for around the same amount and would like to present my new "wish list."

Our adult services librarian, Leslie, is requesting 2 \$50 gift cards for summer reading prizes. FOSL has already heard this request, but she is verifying that she will only need 2. We have approximately 75 adult finishers for summer reading this year.

NOTE: One card is for Lowe's and one for Home Depot. 15 copies of 'Still Alice' are requested for discussion and a program.

Staff Report: We welcome the new Branch Director for Summerville, Jennifer Gleber, who started with the library on July 5th. Congratulations and Welcome Aboard!

Membership and Book Sale Report – C. Coffey

Membership: For the month of June we gained 2 new members and 2 renewals totaling \$55 and a donation of \$85.00 for a total of \$140.00. \$115.00 was turned in June 15th. The balance of \$25.00 was turned in today. There are 169 current members.

Book Sale: I've posted a copy of the Book Sale Flyer for September on the FOSL bulletin board. I will be sending out flyers later this month. I will be working on advertising, confirming with American Legion Post, Ash & T's, Nat'l Kidney Foundation, and the newspapers. Save a time to help with the book sale in September. Set up will be on Thursday, Sept 7th and sale days Sept 8th-Sept 10th. We collected \$117.59 in June from Matthew Savage for books on consignment. Our storage unit is almost full so we'll have plenty of books for September.

Writer's Guild Report – E. Hyatt

1. Series of articles continues in the JOURNAL SCENE, thanks to the cooperation of others, including yours. Article for July will find us appreciating Harriet Little's perspective.
2. Writer Mary Alice Monroe's presentation served as a positive reminder in so many ways for Friends of Summerville Library. For instance, in some manner Monroe's comments about "lighting one candle" reminds us of the Shakespearean quote: "How far that little candle throws his beams! / So shines a good deed in a naughty world." (Portia, MERCHANT OF VENUE, V., i, 90-91)

Mary Alice Monroe Tea – S. Baden

The Mary Alice Monroe reception was a huge success with 145 attendees and 155 books sold. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event. The donations were spectacular and we had plenty of food but not too much food and help. The speaker's presentation was excellent. All the invoices and funding has been turned over to Kathy Marrah and she should be able to reconcile the costs. Mary Alice Monroe was very excited about the buffet and the number of books we sold. In fact we sold twice as many books as Blue Bicycle sold with their own downtown reception. There were no issues and no drama. Thanks for all the Friends' help in making this run smoothly.

NOTE: Mary Alice Monroe is now on the Best Seller list due to the response to the FOSL tea event! Unfortunately, she is not available next year.

Tony Bartelme is still on for Aug 27th.

Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL) Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Patty Callahan Henry may be delayed or off – she would like to have 50 attendees minimum.

It appears that Dorothy St. James will be our speaker in September on mystery and chocolates. She will bring the chocolate!

For April 2018, tentatively, we hope to have Christy Woodson Harvey, Secrets of Southern Charm come and speak for us.

Upcoming Dates:

- Dorchester County Library Board Meeting, July 17, 2017 at 7pm, St. George
- Executive Board, July 25, 2017 at 7pm, IHOP on Dorchester
- Dramatic Reading of Annie Dillard's Essay "Total Eclipse" by Maggie Worsdale on August 8, 2017 7pm
- General Membership Meeting, August 8, 2017 at 7pm, Westvaco Room (abbreviated)
- August 27, 2017 Tony Bartelme at library from 2-4pm for book review/signing

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Announcements/ For the Good of the Order:

Ellen Hyatt brought us an example of the light Mary Alice Monroe spoke about when she was in Summerville – a candle inset into a wooden bowl with the saying etched around the top to remind us to 'light our candle and to do good'.

Jennifer Smith passed out eclipse eyewear to the attendees.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mevelyn Williams, Secretary
August 1, 2017