

Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL) Tuesday, November 14, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Summerville Library met on Tuesday November 14, 2017. Nancy Nicodemus, President called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

In Attendance:

Nancy Nicodemus, President
Cathy Coffey, Vice-President
Mevelyn Williams, Secretary
Kathy Marrah, Treasurer
Carol Brummett, member
Ellen Hyatt, Liaison to SMR Writers Guild
Beverly Brockman, Member-at-Large
Sandra Baden, Member
Anne Gleason, Member
Harriett Little, Member
Robert Tryon, Member
Carole Brier, Member
Autumn Reid, Member
Tina Meunier, Member
Leslie Koller, Summerville Branch Staff

Agenda:

- Approval of previous meeting minutes
- Membership/Book Sale (Coffey)
- Writer's Guild (Hyatt)
- Events (Baden)
- Special Orders
- Unfinished business
- New business

President's Report (Nicodemus)

Dear friends of the Friends,

The past month has been very gratifying and busy for the Friends.

On October 27th, the Summerville Library received the 10 new tables we purchased on their behalf. Mr Antill and Leslie were kind enough to assemble the tables yet that afternoon so they wouldn't be in the way for weekend library programs. These tables are a purchase we feel will benefit the library for many years to come.

Both the Budget Committee and the Bylaw Committee met and submitted proposals to the membership with the 14 days notification necessary for them to be voted on at the November meeting.

We are looking forward to treating the wonderful library staff to our annual appreciation luncheon in December.

We will not have a general membership meeting in December, so I wish you all a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas Season.

Nancy Nicodemus,
President

Vice President's Report – C. Coffey

Total membership for October is 168 current members: 4 new and 11 renewals during the book sale and 3 new and 6 renewals by mail. Memberships collected was \$ 280.00 and a \$10.00 donation = \$290.00 turned in to the treasurer.

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Library Liaison Report – J. Gleber

Thank you for the new tables purchased for the Westvaco room, also to Leslie and Robert for assembling them! The tables take up much less space and are very easy to maneuver around the room. We look forward to using them at our upcoming library events.

The next author talk is Target Tokyo: Jimmy Doolittle and the Raid that Avenged Pearl Harbor by James M. Scott on Sunday, December 3 from 2-3:30 PM. We are promoting this event throughout the community specifically to veterans and active military hoping to gain a wider adult programming audience. Leslie is requesting a \$50 Publix card to provide refreshments.

Planning has begun for the Winter Reading program. Leslie is requesting \$75 for staff prizes (3 - \$25 Amazon gift cards).

Thank you,
Jennifer Gleber, SVL Branch Manager

A motion was made by Anne, seconded by Harriet that FOSL provide the \$50 funds needed for the 12/3 event. Motion carried. The funds needed for the Winter Reading program will come from the budget allocated for this purpose in 2018.

Treasurer's Report – K. Marrah

Beginning Balance for the period October 1-31, 2017:	\$29,085.32
Income for the Month:	5,703.31
Expenses for the Month:	<u>5,293.35</u>
Ending balance of the reporting period:	\$29,495.28

The report was filed for internal review.

NOTE: in the future, the categories involved in the income and expense items will be listed for clarity. It was determined that a full blown budget was not needed monthly.

Book Sale Report – C. Coffey

The next book sale will be January 26-28, 2018. Attached is the flyer for the sale. Please share this with your friends, coworkers and family. To recap the October book sale, gross proceeds were \$5,143.31. There were 31 volunteers who helped with the sale. Received \$110.22 from Matthew Savage for consignment sales and the funds were delivered to the treasurer this evening.

Writer's Guild Report – E. Hyatt

1. The Oct. 2017 article in our series dealt with the cornucopia of events occurring at the library this fall.
2. Library director Robert Antill and librarian Leslie Koller have some fine projects in the wing for the start of 2018. I will feature those in upcoming columns.
3. In April, the display case will feature writers (meeting the criteria for induction to the SC Academy of Authors [SCAA]). Rebecca Westfall and I will prepare the display. Those writers to be inducted are:
[Nathalie Dupree](#) (*selling over half a million copies of her Southern cookbooks*)
[Mary Alice Monroe](#) (environmentalist and novelist; children's picture books)
[Valerie Sayers](#) (essayist and fiction writer)
[John Blake White](#) (antebellum dramatist)

Please see bios, written by the Board of Governors of the SCAA, at <http://www.scacademyofauthors.org/inductees>.

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4. In this season of harvest and gratitude, I thank each of you who provide ideas for the LIVES CHANGE @ YOUR LIBRARY SERIES. And I am most appreciative of your ongoing reading of the monthly column, your sharing thoughts about it, and for the ongoing privilege of bringing awareness about the library and the Friends to the public.

~Respectfully submitted, Ellen E. Hyatt (Liaison between Friends of Summerville Library and Summerville Writers Guild).

Events Report: S. Baden

1. Upcoming event in January: on the 21st, Sunday, popular writer Judy Watts will be in the Westvaco Room.
2. Good possibility that she will be able to have Nicole Seitz coming in the future. She is the author of *The Cage Maker*.
3. Hoping to have Cleo Brown, writer on civil rights, to participate in celebrating Black History during the Cecil Williams Art Exhibit.
4. The Post & Courier article, 'The future of SC libraries', by Paul Bowers was passed around the group and is attached to these minutes.

Upcoming Dates:

- Greening of the Library, G. Masocco, December 6, 2017 at 9:30am, Westvaco Room
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon, A. Reid, December 13, Westvaco Room
- General Meeting Jan. 9, 2018 at 7pm, Westvaco Room
- Executive Board January 30, 2018 at 7pm (TBD)
- The next Gigantic Book Sale is planned for January 26 - January 28, 2018

Unfinished Business:

From Mr. Antill, the following request was submitted by Leslie:

As we move forward with our upcoming Cecil Williams Art Exhibit and accompanying programs, we have encountered a wonderful opportunity. A local author named Jack Bass co-authored a book titled *The Orangeburg Massacre*, which details the events of the tragic shooting in Orangeburg that took place on February 8, 1968. Next February will be 50 years since this tragedy occurred, and Mr. Bass has agreed to give a presentation at both of our library branches. The idea we have for the Summerville Library is to host an author-led discussion with copies of *The Orangeburg Massacre*. We would like to ask the friends group if they would be willing to cover the cost of 20 copies of this book for the event. We intend to offer the books early in December so that people have time to read them. Then, ask the patrons to bring the books to the book discussion where they will be signed by the author. The patrons will then be allowed to keep the copies as a reminder of the important event.

The cost of the books is not minimal, as they are priced at \$17.95 apiece, not including tax and shipping. Therefore, the total would come out to roughly \$390.00 for this event. Would the FOSL consider funding this purchase?

Motion was made by Anne that FOSL would pay for the purchase of 20 books by Jack Bass, seconded by Sandra. Motion carried.

Special Orders:

Bylaws Committee presented the revised edition of the Bylaws for review. Some revisions will be made to the document. Once completed, the finalized version will be uploaded to the website. Motion made by Anne to approve the Bylaws as amended. Sandra seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Committee presented the 2018 FOSL Budget. Motion made by Anne and seconded by Harriet that the budget be approved as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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New Business:

The Summerville Library will participate in the **Toys for Tots** drive in co-operation with the Summerville Police Dept. There will be a musical presentation by the Summerville Orchestra on 12/20 to close the drive.

Announcements/ For the Good of the Order:

Ellen Hyatt spoke of a quote attributed to John F. Kennedy: "One person **can make a difference**, and **everyone** should try."

Ellen states that as we celebrate Thanksgiving, we take one of the colored leaves she passed out, and use it to write a note to someone of significance to us and say 'Thank You'.

She also feels that what we've done thru this meeting (Bylaws) was built on the foundation that was built by others. They all deserve our gratitude.

Adjournment

Thank you to Kathy Marrah for bringing snacks!

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mevelyn Williams, Secretary

November 16, 2017