

Friends of the Summerville Library (FOSL) Tuesday, October 10, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Summerville Library met on Tuesday October 10, 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
Karen Petros, Member
Anne Gleason, Member
Harriett Little, Member
Jamie Gregson, Member
Carole Brier, Member
Robert Antill, Executive Director
Jennifer Gleber, Summerville Branch Director

Agenda:

Approval of previous meeting minutes (August as September was cancelled)
Membership/Book Sale (Coffey)
Writer's Guild (Hyatt)
Recap of Author Tony Bartelme (Baden)

President's Report (Nicodemus)

Welcome to all attendees! Minutes were approved as presented (thanks to Cathy Coffey).

Members-at-large recognized: Beverly Brockman and Anne Gleason.

The August program presented by Maggie Worsdale – the essay on Total Eclipse which she read – was very well attended and the audience appreciated having her. FOSL presented her a thank you gift of a FOSL bag with a Solar Eclipse T-Shirt and a pair of Solar Glasses. FOSL was represented at Third Thursday in August and September. Also, at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and the SWG letters to veterans presentation by Leslie Koller, librarian.

Treasurer's Report (Marrah)

- Effective October 1, September expenses and income are as follows:
- Income \$ 737.05
- Expenses: \$1,058.87
- Report approved and filed for audit.
- Net proceeds from the book sale total \$3,764.11

Library Liaison Report – J. Gleber

Check out our "Hot Picks" collection of popular new and bestselling titles. These books are available for a 7 day loan and are not renewable. Patron response has been very positive and they are excited to see a book on "Hot Picks" ready to checkout without having to wait through a hold list!

Thank you for providing refreshments for the Dorothy St. James event. The next author talk and book signing is "Haunted Summerville" by Bruce Orr on Sunday, October 29 at 3PM.

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SVL is requesting 10 tables for the West Vaco room (please see attached). The tables are foldable, on casters, and nesting which makes them more adaptable for the space and our programming needs.

Upcoming library events:

Monday, October 16 @ 2pm to 4 pm, Bingo for Books

Wednesday, October 18 @ 6pm to 7 pm, Summerville Orchestra Program - Eine Kleine Music Lounge

Tuesday, October 24 @ 1pm to 2pm, Computer Class - Power Point Basics - Registration Required

Wednesday, October 25 @ 5:30pm to 7:30pm, Family Movie Night - Cheaper by the Dozen 2

Thursday, October 26 @ 1pm to 2:30pm, Summerville Genealogy Club

Saturday, October 28 @ 11am to 1pm, Horror Writers Association Literary Outreach Event - Frankenstein

Sunday, October 29 @ 2pm, *Haunted Summerville* Author Talk and Book Signing with Bruce Orr (Ages 8 and up)

Membership and Book Sale Report – C. Coffey

Membership: Total funds collected for membership in September was \$230.00. Donations received in September was \$70.00. Three new members joined in September. Membership total as of 9/30/2017 was 170.

Book Sale: Due to the hurricane the September book sale was postponed until October 6-8th, 2017. The gross sales totaled \$5,143.31. That included 18 FOSL bags sold = \$108.00. Ash & T's picked up and delivered the books in record time on Thursday (2 ¼ hours)(\$316.25 + tips \$90). Thanks to the many volunteers who helped on Thursday, almost everything was ready to go on Friday. All 3 days were very well attended, especially on Friday. Thank you to all the volunteers (31) who helped during the sale-keeping books straight, helping patrons carry books, answering questions, greeting, bagging books, boxing leftover books (143) which were picked up by Dorchester Habitat for Humanity on Monday. The only duplication in costs will be the ads in the Summerville Journal Scene because they had already appeared in print in September. 18 discount coupons were redeemed by FOSL members on Friday and Saturday. Four new members joined and eleven renewals were received at the book sale. Received \$37.05 from Mathew Savage for books sold on consignment in September.

NOTE: the discount coupons mentioned above refer to a plan to induce the membership to continue their patronage of the book sale after the move to the American Legion Post.

Harriett asked if consideration of the cost between color and black&white had been studied in the SJS advertisements. Our latest book sale ad was easy to overlook. Cathy indicated that it would be an additional \$100 or so, basically doubling the cost so that is why they are B&W.

Writer's Guild Report – E. Hyatt

1. Series of articles continues in the JOURNAL SCENE. The one for August featured one of the library's children's books: A VIOLIN FOR ELVA by Mary Lyn Ray, to tie in with the beginning of school and the Orchestra Program forthcoming at the library in Sept.

2. Please join the SWG to hear librarian Leslie Koller present information about letter-writing to veterans and Operation Gratitude (Mon., Sept. 25, at 6:30, at Perkins on Trolley Rd. You can buy your dinner or a dessert, if you will have already eaten.) It is another way for interconnectedness among the library and Friends and the community (in this instance, the SWG).

3. The SC Academy of Authors (SCAA) is trying to focus more on the part of the mission that emphasizes the reading of Inductees' works. Any ideas to help this through the library and/or Friends are welcome. I will be glad to share those ideas with my fellow board members of the SCAA. Not only do Friends make a donation each year but also Summerville library was cited as one of the public libraries that has been continuous with the Library Initiative each April. That's when the Board of Governors of the SCAA hosts the Induction Ceremony to recognize South Carolinian "distinguished writers," both living and deceased, and public and university libraries are asked to display those works. Much gratitude

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to Rebecca Westfall who helps with the display case and to librarians who help arrange for purchasing the Inductees' works for Summerville library.

4. Related to #2 above: Thanks to Friends (Sandra Baden, Nancy Nicodemus, and Mevelyn Williams and family) who were able to come to the SWG to hear librarian Leslie Koller speak about the upcoming program for veterans. Sharing time to connect genuinely and learn about library programs is mutually beneficial.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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

NOTE: Would the library consider encouraging readership of local SC authors? Just a thought...

Recap of Author Tony Bartelme – S. Baden

Tony Bartelme was well received and very successful with 30 attendees and several bought his book. He has made plans to come again and speak to one of the book clubs.

Dorothy St. James was our speaker in September and enjoyed about 30 participants and sold some books as well.

Judy Watts is coming to speak in January and the Mystery Book Club will read her book for the March 2018 meeting.

Kristy Woodson Harvey will be featured on April 8th with a tea in the Westvaco Room. Her new book Secrets of Southern Charm is due out on April 3, 2018.

Not sure that we will be able to have a big author for an offsite tea in June.

NOTE: Thank you to the library from Sandra – she is glad to see additional adult programs.

Upcoming Dates:

- Executive Board, October 24, 2017 at 7pm, TBD
- General Membership Meeting, November 14, 2017 at 7pm, Westvaco Room
- Greening of the Library, G. Masocco, December 6, 2017 at 9:30am, Westvaco Room
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon, A. Reid, December 13, Westvaco Room
- The next Gigantic Book Sale is planned for January 26 - January 28, 2018

Unfinished Business:

Bylaws Committee to consist of members: Jamie Gleason, Ellen Hyatt, Carole Brier, Becky Westfall and Nancy Nicodemus. Due to calendar restraints, they will need to meet and compile their report by the end of the month in order to provide the finished document to the membership 14 days prior to the next General Meeting.

New Business:

Budget Committee to consist of members: Autumn Reid, Kathy Marrah, Beverly Brockman, Carol Brummett and Nancy Nicodemus. The same calendar restraints apply for this committee due to year end. There is no General Meeting in December.

Purchase of Tables for Library Jennifer Gleber has made a request to FOSL that 10 nesting/folding tables be purchased for the Westvaco Room. The motion was made by Mevelyn and seconded by Carole that the purchase of 10 tables, finish Cherry wood and Silver metal, be completed as soon as possible. Motion carried.

Purchase of Large TV Monitor for Library motion was made by Anne, seconded by Carol B. "that with Library approval in hand by the end of the year, the FOSL will enthusiastically support the acquisition of a large screen TV for marketing purposes". Motion carried. Discussion among the attendees as to the placement (corner bracket on wall facing the entry doors), ease of programming (flash drive), library staff would provide the manpower to keep the notices up-to-date.

Per Ellen: perhaps the offer should be made to the membership requesting input into the revision of the Bylaws?

Per Robert: we might consider asking Autumn to put together a brief questionnaire via Survey Monkey as to the desires of the membership and/or the library patrons at large regarding what they would like to see changed or improved?

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Announcements/ For the Good of the Order:

Ellen Hyatt mentioned a program called "To the Point" and how important it is today to recognize that misinformation is rampant in society today.

Adjournment

Thank you to Kathy Marrah for bringing snacks!

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mevelyn Williams, Secretary

October 12, 2017