

Meeting of the Friends of the Union County Library

October 19, 2022

<u>Friends in Attendance</u>	Jackie Volk, President	Nancy Bryant, Secretary	Judy Baldwin
Robert Harford	Katherine Lavery	Connie Rosenberry	Kathy Lawrence
Jackie Franklin	Susie Brendle, Librarian		

The Meeting was called to order at 2:05 by Jackie Volk, President

Minutes from the July 20, 2022 Meeting were approved with Motion by Robert Harford and Second by Judy Baldwin to accept the Minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report -

- In the absence of Sally Woodworth, Jackie Volk highlighted FOUCL total income through September 30, 2022 as \$5,856.38 with total FOUCL expenses through the period being \$5,749.64. Copies of "Friends of Union County Library Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison", "Friends of Union County Library Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison January through September 2022" and Friends of Union County Library Profit & Loss Detail January through September 2022" are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

Librarian's Report –

- Susie Brendle reported two Youth age groups for Storytime which resumed in the middle of August with the older group have a "STEAM" emphasis. Lego Club and Junior book club have also resumed. Participants are decorating pumpkins, and when completed they will receive candy and prizes. Christmas ornaments are being made with some to take home and some to donate to FOUCL for the Everything Christmas sale. Adult participants are also decorating wooden ornaments for that purpose.
- A presenter is coming to do an American Black Bear program. The Library is offering cake decorating classes and a Christmas card making class for adults.
- On December 16th, a Christmas karaoke is planned. "Family Movie Fridays" have begun with "Polar Express" being the finale on December 23rd. Susie requested volunteers from FOUCL to help with passing out refreshments during the event.
- Susie presented FOUCL 2023 Proposed Expenditures. Jackie pointed out that the \$300 donation given in the past for October Mountain Regional Library System Staff Development will become an annual expense, and she shared a note from Heather Welch thanking FOUCL for their \$300 contribution to Staff Development Day food and supplies. Total proposed FOUCL expenditures requested on behalf of the library for 2023 totals \$3800. Connie Rosenberry made a Motion to accept the expenditure of \$3800 with Second by Robert Harford.

Committee/Special Guest Reports

- Membership – Katherine Lavery reported no new members during the past quarter.
- Newsletter – Connie Rosenberry plans a November Newsletter and requested the Librarian's Report. She plans on highlighting Kathy Lawrence as a FOUCL volunteer.

- Webmaster – Robert Harford presented graphs showing FOUCL website statistics up through date of October meeting, 2022. The graph shows September, 2022 being the highest yet for unique visitors - 612. Totals have already come close to exceeding totals for previous years. Robert has linked the website for purchase of “Sons of the Pioneers” concert tickets. The concert benefits Ferst Readers which is supported by FOUCL.
- The Everything Christmas Sale is November 4, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, and November 5, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Set up will take place on Thursday, November 3, 9:00am -12:00 pm. Jackie asked for volunteers, particularly those with trucks to drop off donations of leftovers on Saturday, 1:00-2:00 pm. She also presented some donated items, a Santa Mobile Musical (\$25-\$60 on eBay), tentative price of \$35.00, and a Disney table ornament (\$90/\$10 shipping on eBay). She is considering these for silent auction with a minimum bid. She will explore paperwork filing with the County allowing for silent auction. Susie Brendle asked for pictures of the items that she can put up on social media.
- Nominating Committee – Connie Rosenberry announced that as of this meeting, they have only been able to secure candidates for President (Jackie Volk) and Treasurer (Debora Quigley). Vice President and Secretary are open. Nominations were opened from those members present. Voting will take place at the November 16 meeting with the term to begin January 2023 according to the By Laws. The slate does not have to be complete in October. Members will be notified of the vacancies via Email and posted in the next Newsletter.

Old Business

- Open Mic: Poetry and Prose took place September 15 with 29 attending and 15 reading.
- Ticket sales for the Dollhouse Raffle continue Mon and Wed mornings in October and at special events. The drawing is on Saturday, Nov 5 at 1:00 pm, at the “Everything Christmas Sale. Proceeds go toward technology learning resources for juvenile patron library programs. Additional prizes have been donated by FOUCL members – “Flevar Dollhouse Miniature DIY House Kit”, “Build a Castle for Kids”, and “Ravensburger Sneaker 3D Jigsaw Puzzle”.
- The Bake Sale takes place November 22 (Sally Woodworth, Chair). Volunteer list was presented for sign up. King Arthur flour, left over from Mrs. Ann’s Baking 101, has been donated for use by “bakers” for the sale.
- Jackie reported on the By-Laws Review process undertaken by Jackie, Debora Quigley, Sally Woodworth and Judy Baldwin. This Committee met several times and communicated via email to make recommended changes. 30 day Notice was given in an October 13 email to Membership that the revisions to the By-Laws will be voted on in our November 16 FOUCL meeting. Jackie has obtained the required 15 signatures on a Petition to consider amendments. The review Committee determined that clarification is needed as to a designated Mountain Regional Library System representative on the FOUCL Board of Directors. Changes include: Simplification of Changes to By-Laws, addition of Conflict of Interest policy, and Record Retention Policy.

New Business

- Election of officers and Brainstorming session will take place at the November 16 FOUCL meeting.
- The Christmas Luncheon takes place December 7 at Brasstown Valley Resort with officer installation and book exchange.
- Christmas gifts being considered for Union County Public Library staff include “silly socks” or slippers with a Library theme, bookmarks, or Aldi’s gift cards. Judy Baldwin made a Motion to consider the \$25 gift cards with Connie Rosenberry seconding. There are seven staff members.
- Jackie Volk presented copies of children’s books which could be purchased by FOUCL to be given during December to library families. Books under consideration for younger children would be the Board Book Moo, Baa, Fa La La La La (\$6.99) and The Mitten (\$7.99) for Board Book and same title bigger book (\$14.89).

Books for consideration for older children are The Christmas Owl hard cover (\$15.69) and The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree: An Appalachian Story (\$7.99) paperback and (\$18.99) hard cover. Jackie estimates buying approximately 2 dozen books. She will confirm numbers with Mrs. Ann. After discussion, Judy Baldwin made a motion to purchase copies of Moo Baa Fa La La La La and The Christmas Owl for a cost not to exceed \$400. A Second was provided by Katherine Lavery.

- In additional business, Connie Rosenberry made a Motion that FOUCL purchase a recording device as an aid for future recording secretaries. Robert Harford seconded the Motion.

This Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm. The next Membership Meeting for election of officers and brainstorming will take place November 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the Union County Library Community Room.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Bryant, Secretary