

Friends of the Union County Library
Quarterly Meeting
April 19, 2023

Board Members present: Jackie Volk, President; Ken Arrington, Vice President; Jackie Millstone, Secretary; Debora Quigley, Treasurer; Judy Baldwin, Past President

Members present: Lauren Burgreen, Arlene Gray, Robert Harford, Kathy Lawrence, Joy Wilson, Ann Lewis, Sally Woodworth

Meeting called to order by President Jackie Volk.

Minutes of the January 18, 2022, meeting approved as written (Jackie Millstone, Secretary)

Treasurer's Report (Debora Quigley) – Income \$4,454.97, Expenses \$3,380.79; Membership dues so far have totaled \$3,328.79. Assets: \$52,945.17

Librarian's Report (Ann Lewis – Youth Services) – Summer Reading Program, referred to as SRP with 2023 theme of All Together Now, begins with registration on June 5. FOUCL members are being asked to volunteer to help at the weekly programs. FOUCL contributed \$1,000 raised from a donated dollhouse (by member Kathy Lawrence) raffle in 2022 and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) resources have been purchased for library use. A STEAM Club is in the plans for 2024. It was voted and approved to encourage members to donate gift cards (\$10-15) from local businesses for use as SRP prizes and for FOUCL to contribute up to \$255 for the purchase of any additional prizes needed.

Committee Reports/Chairperson

Welcome – Katherine Lavery introduced new member Joy Wilson. Currently 100 members and aiming for 120-125 before year end.

Newsletter Editor (Connie Rosenberry) – Jackie Volk reported quarterly newsletter should be published the first week in May.

Webmaster – Robert Harford – Statistics continue to show increased visits to FOUCL's website.

Program Committee – VP Ken Arrington and President Jackie Volk – Ken: Possible speaker from Foxfire Museum has informed Ken that she is relocating, Scrabble tournament time and place unresolved, Trivia Night mentioned, and wild mushroom education presentation is being considered; Jackie: April 25 program (Climbing Mt. Everest – One Man's Story by Josh Garrison) in the UCPL Community Room is set; Farmer's Market date for FOUCL booth will be requested, repeat of Open Mic writer's event anticipated for the Fall.

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Old Business

- **FOUCL 3 CDs** – remain at United Community Bank and have been laddered to come due in three successive years.
- **New computer and software** – dedicated FOUCL computer has been purchased from Tri State Computer's Anthony Cuoto, software installed, data transferred; Debora Quigley has been coordinating this purchase and will pursue financial software purchase; long-term goal may be purchase of software that can manage financials and membership records.
- **National Library Worker's Day April 25** – Gifts will be presented to library staff that day; Robert Harford is contributing shortbread cookies and Lauren Burgreen is baking a cake, bookmarks have been purchased.
- **Automatic doors into the Youth Services area** – on hold until at least after the Summer Reading Program (those on a committee to investigate include Sally Woodworth, Robert Harford, and Pat Chris; there may be SPLOST money or grants available to help fund.
- **May Bake Sale on Friday, May 12** - Debora Quigley leading this fundraiser; sign up sheet was distributed, and email reminder message will be sent to members.
- **Everything Christmas Sale, November 3 and 4** - No volunteers to co-chair at this time; Joy Wilson indicated willingness to assist; Debora Quigley would co-chair with someone; will finalize at the July meeting.

New Business

- **FOUCL Website** – Unfortunately, technical difficulties made it impossible to watch the video presentation by Hannah Quigley; the video was sent to those attending this meeting to watch on their own time.
- **Brief discussion on how to better involve members** - example given was member Jean Nethery being asked to write a newspaper article for FOUCL describing her love of books and libraries.
- **Library donations** – FOUCL's 2nd quarter donation of \$1,500, for the purchase of magazines and periodicals, will be given to Union County Public Library this month.
- **Discussion of offsite July meeting** – it was agreed to meet at Choestoe Schoolhouse for our July meeting with a potluck lunch proceeding the meeting; because we are a nonprofit, the County venue is available to FOUCL at no cost.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of FOUCL will be held on July 19, 2023, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Choestoe Schoolhouse (1034 Collins Rd.; Blairsville). All members are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Millstone/Prepared with Assistance from Jackie Volk
Recording Secretary
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