

Friends of the Arlington Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2017, 7:00 PM Rabbit Hole Meeting Room
Central Library

- I. **Call to Order:** 7:03 PM, Present: Kate Summers-President; Linda Goldberg-Vice President; Jeremy Pevner-Treasurer; Nada Sulaiman-Secretary; Kate Schweigart-Glencarlyn Representative; Robbie Cohrssen-Westover Representative; Marty Pippins-Cherrydale Representative; David Evans-Court House Representative, John Cohrssen-FOAL Member
- II. **Motion to Make Meeting an Executive Session:** Jeremy moved to make the meeting into an Executive Session. Kate Summers seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Executive Session ended.** At 8:35 pm, Jeremy moved to end the Executive Session. Kate Summers seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Library Dog:** On January 30, 2017, Kate Summers circulated via email a proposal to approve the Library's purchase of a dog to be used for programming. On January 31, 2017, via email, Kate Summers moved that FOAL provide the Library \$4,500 so that the Library may purchase a dog, basic supplies from the breeder, initial training sessions and initial veterinarian visits. Pursuant to the Library's proposal, FOAL would not retain any liability for the dog, and the dog will be covered by the Library's insurance policy. The Library's Program and Partnership Manager, Julia Karell will keep and care for the dog in her home and be responsible for socializing and training it. Via email, Linda seconded the motion, and 6 FOAL members voted in favor. After discussion, the Board voted on February 3 to suspend the vote and discuss the issue further at a meeting. On February 6 FOAL met to discuss the issue. Jeremy moved to vacate the electronic motion of January 31 made by Kate Summers. David seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Jeremy moved to provide the Library \$4,500 to purchase a dog, basic supplies from the breeder, initial training sessions and initial veterinarian visits, with the understanding that FOAL would not retain any liability for the dog, and the dog will be covered by the Library's insurance policy. David opposed the motion because it could have been made during the ordinary budget cycle and the Library has not shown any special circumstances necessitating an out of budget request. Robbie opposed the motion because she believes that a less expensive dog could be obtained, and she is concerned that the dog would not be "hypoallergenic". A vote was taken and 5 voted in favor and 3 opposed. The motion passed. Jeremy also suggested that FOAL ask the Library not to make any further out of budget requests until FOAL has had a chance to review and clarify its procedures for such requests.
- V. **FOAL Charter:** John suggested that necessary revisions to FOAL's Charter be voted on at a FOAL public meeting. A copy of the Charter will be circulated and revisions will be discussed.

VI. Meeting Adjourned: 8:48 PM.