

February 3, 2020

Friends of the Arlington Library Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Kelly Fado, Martin Pippins, Judith Kindell, Rob Hizon, Joni Sterne, Jamie Krovontka, Laura Porter, Maggie Colston (and Baby Claire), Gineane Goldsmith, Peter Petruski, Halyna Hodges, Jane Posner, Sharyn Meister

I Minutes

January 6, 2020 Board Meeting minutes (shared/read via email only)

MOTION: Judy moved to waive the reading of the minutes; Sharyn seconded; waived reading of the minutes was approved unanimously by the Board.

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II Library Update

Bookmobile, "The Truck," arriving Thursday.

Libby Garvey, Chair of the Arlington County Board spoke about [equity, innovation, and resiliency](#) in remarks; additionally indicated strong library support and the importance of the Glencarlyn Branch.

Upcoming Author talks: Roxane Gay (March 10), Ann Patchett (March 19), Ruby Bridges (December 3). In March there will be an Arlington Women's History exhibit opening in the lobby of Central. The "Big Book Club" podcast is relaunching to feature a different book each month; microphones were paid for by FOAL.

III Board Updates

Marty is stepping down as Treasurer in June. Judy agreed to run for Treasurer so need to find someone to run for Vice-Chair. Board reps still needed for Aurora Hills and Shirlington branches. Need to make final payment on The Truck. Claire will research insurance policies - one comprehensive policy to help mitigate high costs from multiple policies.

Eileen is committed to next book sale - for this sale, she will leave each night at the close of the sale, and Board will stay to refresh shelves and count money. Cash registers are expensive to rent, so consider buying them. Paypal gives discounts to non-profits, so FOAL is nearly set-up for that service (Kelly is managing).

IV Membership Updates

About 250 memberships lapsed from 2015-2018. Lifetime Membership has remained at same cost since 1990s. By-law change needed for category changes, but not cost or benefit changes. Should we consider changing the by-laws?

The ECA Ballroom is free to nonprofits and can seat up to 750 people. Might be a good location for Lit-Up Ball and other author events.

Propose changes to Membership levels/benefits at annual meeting. Conduct a survey of members to see what benefits they would most want, ie free/signed books, Member pricing for

LitUp Ball, discounts in book store, event access, etc. Student membership fees must be a full-time student with ID, only. Do we need 'thank you' swag or a welcome kit for new members? Jamie will redraft proposal for annual meeting. Plan Member thank you night - cocktail hour, author talk, The Shop event, etc. Need new FOAL shirts with new slogan.

Donation received from family of recently deceased homeless veteran who was a long-time patron of the library and felt safe and welcomed in the space. Need to determine how best to use the donation.

Judy Kindell moved to adjourn; Kate Summers seconded; motion was approved unanimously.

Board Decisions

- **Approval of January 6 Board Meeting minutes; and waive reading.**