

Friends of the Arlington Library Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Kelly Fado, Martin Pippins, Judith Kindell, Joni Sterne, Jamie Krovontka, Laura Porter, Maggie Colston, Gineane Goldsmith, Peter Petruski, Sharyn Meister, Kate Summers, Claire Christian, Rob Hizon, Halyna Hodges

I Minutes

February 2020 and March 2020 Board Meeting minutes (shared/read via email only)

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

MOTION: Gineane moved to approve the minutes; Sharyn seconded; February 2020 and March 2020 minutes were approved unanimously by the Board.

II Library Updates

Funding needed for new Plaza Branch library; Arlington County operations are expected to continue as-is through May 2020 - after that, modifications to library services are being considered, including curbside pick-up for holds, staggered schedules, and alterations to summer reading program. Book donations remain on hold.

E-book lending has doubled over the numbers from last year at this time. Need additional resources for increased e-book lending capabilities. Library is moving to fine-free as of July 1, 2020, though lost/damage charges will remain in place. Wi-fi is available in the parking lot of several library branches.

The library is in the process of changing to a new internal system - the catalog will remain unchanged - but the new system is customizable and will allow librarians to be more present to patrons throughout the library.

II FOAL Finances

\$1,632.50 earned from FOAL-themed chocolate sales (Chocolates for a Cause) at Artisan Confections. An interim budget is in process - will maintain flexibility to maneuver in the pandemic (and any on-going effects of that); FOAL is under-budget on expenses, but also has decreased income due to cancelled book sale.

III Fundraising & Membership

A Member Survey was recently conducted and more than 100 Members responded. Key take-aways: confusion between Library and FOAL exists; Members would enjoy more author talks, book reviews, book clubs, movie nights, genre-based book sales; more than 60% of respondents favored rate increases and would support the Library in additional ways if needed/asked; the most important benefits (to be potentially added) are: author receptions, reserved seating for events, and early admission to book sales.

IV Annual Meeting

Will create a link on Zoom to conduct meeting online - June 1, 2020.

MOTION: Judy moved to spend necessary funds to secure a Zoom account which will allow FOAL to successfully conduct its Annual Meeting online on June 1, 2020; Claire seconded; money to secure a Zoom account approved unanimously by the Board.