

6/11/2018

**Friends of the Arlington Library (FOAL)
Annual Meeting Minutes**

I. Board Members present: Kate Summers, Judith Kindell, Martin Pippen, Kelly Fado, Nada Sulaiman, Sharon Meister, Gineane Goldsmith, Kate Schweigert, Claire Christian, Kate Schweigert, and representing our Donation Processing Team - Marx and Joni Sterne.

II. Welcome by President, Kate Summers

- Foal has had an incredible year and I want to highlight a few points to start of the evening:
 - FOAL has completely retooled our admin process. Ensuring donations, invoices, income, and acknowledgements are handled quickly and efficiently through our local partner, Complete Back Office. FOAL is so pleased to support this local, woman-owned business and is thrilled with the efficiencies we've gained by bringing them on Board.
 - This year we welcomed new Board members. We have two openings so anyone who is interested in joining our Board and working on behalf of this amazing library system should come find one of us after tonight's meeting.
 - Our Vice President is Judith Kindell, our Secretary is Kelly Fado, our Treasurer is Martin Pippen, our Aurora Hills representative is Sharon Meister, our Cherrydale Representative is Nada Sulaiman, our Columbia Pike Representative is Kate Schweigart, our Glen Carlyn Representative is Laura Porter, our Plaza Representative is Claire Christian, and our Westover Representative is Gineane Goldsmith. We are looking for Reps for Central and Shirlington Libraries.
 - We have also said goodbye to a tremendous group of outgoing members: Linda Goldberg, Eva Griffith, David Evans, and Mike Beglinger gave years of their lives to FOAL and left this organization better than they found it.
 - I'd also like to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of a tremendous FOAL volunteer and board member Lynwood Cinnamon. Lyn was an absolute fixture at our book sales and board meetings and will be absolutely missed by us all.
 - This year FOAL dealt with (and is still dealing with) a pretty massive renovation of Central Library, impacting our book store. The library staff and FOAL volunteers came together to make this project a success and I am looking forward to great things with our new retail space, which will be opening soon.

- FOAL has undertaken a new advocacy role: as many of you have heard, the library lost its collection support budget from the County, leaving a massive hole in coverage. Already, patrons are waiting up to 6 months for popular titles...and this is projected to get even longer...without additional money coming in for collection support. FOAL is taking their role as advocates seriously. We are working with the library to make up for this shortfall and are planning for a more organized advocacy approach in the year to come. We need your help.
- First: please join FOAL (if you haven't already). Memberships start at just \$5 for students per year and we can sign you up tonight. We have nearly 800 active members in the community...but our goal is to reach over 1000. Help us!
- Second, please volunteer with us! We have several board vacancies and many opportunities for you to help. Book Sales, book donation team, Lit up Balls, puzzle fest, author events. Contact us for ways to get involved.
- Donate to FOAL. Either through monetary donations or gifts of used media, books, etc. Drop your donations off here at Central Library.
- Lastly, buy a bag or a shirt. We're super proud of our designs...and I'll highlight our tote bag, designed by an Arlington Tech 9th grader and each purchase supports the library.
- Thank you for your time tonight and now I'd like to move to two votes – the first is on the slate of executive officers – Kate Summers as President, Judith as Vice President, Marty as Treasurer, and Kelly as Secretary. This vote was unanimous. Next vote was on the current slate of Board Members. Thank you for the unanimous vote. The officers and the slate of Board Members for 2018-2019 is confirmed.

III. **Treasurer's Report, Martin Phippen:**

- FOAL uses two local banks to house our funds – United Bank in Clarendon and the Arlington Community Foundation.
- Last year our Budget supporting the Library's programming was \$300,000 and went to new collections, the Lit up Ball, summer reading programs, and supported a variety of other programming done at the Library and branches.
- For this year, the Budget for the Library has been increased to \$320,000.
- We earn money through donations, memberships, and the fall and spring book sales, and interest on investments. Thank you for your support of our mission.

IV. **Meeting Adjourned** at 7:07 and the author event with Alia Malek commenced.

V. **Library Budget Approved:** on June 14, the Board voted via email to approve the \$320,000 budget that Julia presented at the May Meeting. Members voting in support of the budget were: Kate Summers, Kelly Fado, Judith Kindell, Martin Phippen, Nada Sulaiman, Sharon Meister, Claire Christian, and Kate Schweigart.

VI. **Board Actions in June 2018**

- Approved the slate of FOAL officers
- Approved the slate of FOAL Board Members
- Approved the \$320,000 budget for the Library for 2018-2019