

September 9, 2019

Friends of the Arlington Library Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Kate Summers, Martin Pippins, Claire Christian, Judith Kindell, Rob Hizon, Sharyn Meister, Joni and Marx Sterne, Jamie Krovontka, Laura Porter, Maggie Colston, Gineane Goldsmith, Peter Petruski, Julia, Diane Kresch.

I August 5, 2019 Board Meeting minutes (shared/read via email only)

MOTION: Kate Summers moved to waive the reading of the minutes; Sharyn Meister seconded; minutes were approved unanimously by the Board.

MOTION: Kate Summers moved to approve the minutes; Sharyn Meister seconded; minutes were approved unanimously by the Board.

II Report from Diane Kresch

The Library is planning 19 events to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment throughout 2020. The capstone event will be the fundraiser Trivia Night on October 18, 2019. There is sensitivity around these events related to the remaining fight for blacks, Native Americans, and other marginalized groups after the 19th Amendment passed.

MOTION: Judy Kindell moved to donate 12 shirts to the Trivia Night prizes; Kate Summers seconded; motion was approved unanimously.

III Book Sale

Bookmarks (hopefully) advertising future events will be tucked into books at check-out. Updated signage ordered for sale with new logo. Cash registers have been ordered; FOAL will buy one used cash register per sale, starting with Spring, to reduce costs incurred by renting registers.

OAR has applied for one \$50 voucher to help incarcerated persons buy books as holiday gifts. The process for applying for these vouchers needs to be on the website, and note a priority for local organizations. Claire Christian also applied (verbally) for a \$50 voucher on behalf of DC Books to Prisons.

Local Arlington Pre-K to 12 teachers and school librarians purchasing books for the classroom or school library will be eligible for 50% off on Friday and Saturday. Language will be placed on website and we will track data throughout the sale for future decisions. Much discussion was conducted: some members were in favor of allowing teachers 50% off throughout the book sale, even on top of the Sunday sale prices, since FOAL supports literacy and this allows books into classrooms and school libraries that might not otherwise have books; other members felt that the prices were already quite low, and people donate with the intention of FOAL getting the best/highest price, since it's a fundraiser, and lowering prices defeats that objective.

MOTION: Judy Kindell moved to spend up to \$500 for food at book sale; Kate Summers seconded; motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION: Judy Kindell moved to approve the two applications (OAR and DC Books to Prisons) for the \$50 book sale vouchers; Sharyn Meister seconded; motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION: Judy Kindell moved to allow Arlington K-12 teachers and school librarians to show ID and obtain 50% off their book purchases for their classroom or school library on Friday and Saturday only; Sharyn Meister seconded; motion was approved. Kate Summers opposed.

AMENDED MOTION: Marty Pippins moved to allow Arlington pre-K-12 teachers and school librarians to show ID and obtain 50% off their book purchases for their classroom or school library on Friday and Saturday only; Judy Kindell seconded; motion was approved. Kate Summers opposed.

IV Volunteers

Presentation for Volunteer Orientation is underway. The December Talking Session will be held at Alto Fumo on December 2.

V Planned Giving

Initial language for planned giving has been drafted and Arlington Community Foundation will accept gifts on FOAL's behalf.

VI Summer Reading

Summer Reading completion was up 23% this year, and the partnership with the Nationals was successful. Arlington Children's Advocacy Organization will receive this year's donation: \$6,553 - \$1 for every completion.

Judy Kindell moved to approve a check cut for a donation of \$6,553 to Arlington Children's Advocacy Organization; Kate Summers seconded; motion was approved unanimously.

VII Budget

Grab-n-go books and e-books has been a very successful initiative - featured in Washington Post and ArlNow.com. Withdrawn books are being sold for \$2/each in a trial at Shirlington and Westover Libraries.

A \$500 donation arrived in honor of a woman who read to a man who struggled with large-print books as his health declined. Thank you note needs to go out from Board.

\$116,249 in checking. \$2.4M at Foundation. Consider 3% annual gift to library from Foundation interest.

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

Board Decisions

- **Approval of August 5 Board Meeting minutes; and waive reading.**
- **Approval to donate 12 t-shirts to Trivia Night prizes**
- **Approval to approve two current applications for \$50 book sale vouchers.**

- **Approval to allow 50% off to Arlington County K-12 teachers and school librarians on Friday and Saturday.**
- **Amended Approval to allow 50% off to Arlington County Pre-K-12 teachers and school librarians on Friday and Saturday.**
- **Approval to cut check for \$6,553 in donation to Arlington Children's Advocacy Organization for Summer Reading completions.**