

FOAL MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2023

Board Members Present: Jamie Krovontka, Laura Porter, Claire Christian, Judith Kindell, Kelly Fado, Kate Summers, Linda Friedman, Jane Posner, Rob Hizon, Sharyn Meisner, Merri Horn

Library Representative Present: Pete Petruski

Non-Members: Marty Pippins, Brittney Robertson, Symone Walker, Todd Ludeke

Library Update

- The library should send FOAL the MOA for review – this week
- Bookstore numbers
 - December was the biggest month of 2022, tied with January 2022
 - T-Shirt sales up to \$500
 - \$87,000 in bookstore earnings
- Winter Reading kicked off. Entrants can receive a prize after reading three books. It's now through March
- The library will have significant Black History Month programming in February.
- Arlington Reads will kick back off on March 9 with Alison Bechdel.
- A new subscription program called Read Outside the Lines kicked off this month. One hundred people registered, and 400 were on the waitlist.
 - Everyone can participate via an email newsletter if they were unable to register for the subscription service.
- The library received a \$500 check for Glencarlyn Library.
- Aurora Hills received a \$10K anonymous donation.

Promotional Items

- FOAL is nearly out of t-shirts to sell at the libraries and special events
- Motion (Kate Summers): To review prices and amounts and let us know how much to order for final approval.
- The motion passed.
- Kelly Fado had a local business mockup FOAL tumblers for sale to sell at \$25 a pop
- Motion (Kelly Fado): To order 100 tumblers in assorted colors.
- The motion passed.

Symone Walker

- An Arlington resident and parent who wants to help improve reading instruction and interventions, particularly for students upwards of 4th grade, often minorities.
- Minority students in Arlington have lower test scores in reading than anywhere else in the state.
- APS does not have the resources or commitment to help these older students.

- Symone wants FOAL to research Yoky works and potentially offer the program on a subscription basis as a free intervention to help secondary students who missed the early literacy boat.
- FOAL agreed to further investigation.