

FOAL meeting notes

February 2023

Attendance: Claire Christian, Jamie Krovontka, Brittany Robertson, Linda Friedman, Kate Summers, Rob Hizon, Sharyn Meister, Jane Posner, Laura Porter

Library: Rebecca Case, Pete Petruski

Other: David Alan Coia, Marty Pippins, Merri Horn

Missing: Kelly Fado, Judy Kindell

Library Report (Pete)

- The total bookstore sales for the month of January is \$8195.
- The Quincy Room is booked for the April book sale. It can be used for the rare and specialty-priced books sale from Thursday 1 PM until Sunday 5 PM.
- Library Events – Thursday is Marisa Franco.
- County budget – The County Manager should be publicizing the proposed budget at the February 18th County Board meeting. The library's work session will be on March 16th. Public comment will be on March 28th.

Introducing Rebecca Case

- She's a library leader who oversees the library's cataloging department. Also in her portfolio is volunteer management, specifically for volunteers performing Friends duties, bookstore management, and donation workflow. She spoke to the growth seen in bookstore sales, efforts in merchandising/standardizing bookstores across all libraries, and overhauling the donations workflow.
- Aiming to increase social media for all the branch stores so that we have something each month to highlight using infographics.
- There are 19 library volunteers and 1 traveling bookstore volunteer.

Book Sale update

- The next books sale is from April 20 – April 23
- We will track revenue for specially marked books with the square.
- Looking to donate leftover books to Discover books and Better World Books
- Ordering more green aprons
- Jane Posner will order the food
- Pete will get a cost estimate for infrastructure improvements to the cage where the books are as we request that the library put in a light and double its size.
- Idea raised to make book sale signs like election signs to promote the sale
- Idea raised to have the shop maybe make another Step and Repeat for the book sale or a special one for author events when folks want their photos taken

Other items

- Idea to create a reserve policy for FOAL.
- Consider board development opportunities. (Rob and Jane offered to help Claire with this.)
- Prospective board member Natalia Lanteigne to attend next month's call.