

## **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, Halyna Hodges, Jane Posner, Sharyn Meister, Kate Summers, Claire Christian, Rob Hizon

### **I Library Updates**

All locations remain closed due to COVID-19 shelter-in-place guidelines. E-resources are essential - and 15,000 e-books have been added to the collection. Usage of e-books is up 50% over last year. Increased social media - “social media takeovers” and “shelfies” - some message fatigue - low open/participation rates for Arlington Reads events. Library determining how to make books safe as they get returned, and run Summer Reading Program - not enough information right now to make decision - will monitor local guidelines and proceed accordingly. Book/author talks have been postponed - will try to reschedule or book for online event.

### **II FOAL Finances**

Audit is complete and 990 has been filed. Some loss of revenue due to book sale, but also fewer expenses due to social distancing/library closures (coronavirus.) Chocolate sales are complete and the check will be issued once the store re-opens. Library mail is being held at post office - donations/checks will be sorted once mail is delivered (after shelter-in-place restrictions are lifted.)

### **III Fundraising & Membership**

Maggie will proceed with sending out membership renewals; a membership survey will be included with newsletter - to gather data on potential changes to membership program and determine what members are interested in as far as benefits.

The library could use funding for additional e-books - including simultaneous-use titles, mobile hotspots - how-tos for accessing e-books and other pieces of collection to be included on website.

Need to plan for Annual Meeting in June - can we host it on Zoom or other virtual platform?  
Minutes from February and March will be sent around via email and voted on.