

## **FOAL Annual Meeting Notes – 10/2/23**

**Attendance:** Attendance: Claire Christian, Linda Friedman, Rob Hizon, Laura Porter, Jane Posner, Kate Summers, Brittany Robertson, Natalia Lanteigne, Todd Ludeke, Amy Miller, Judy Kindell

**Missing:** Jamie Krovontka

### **Library Update**

- **T-shirts** - FOAL to purchase t-shirts in bulk and work with the librarian designer on other options.
- **Arlington Reads** - One more Arlington Reads event this year!
  - Wednesday, November 8: [Chef Sean Sherman](#)
- **County Resolution** – The County Board declared Arlington County libraries to be a book sanctuary in a resolution delivered on Tuesday, 9/26. This resolution further strengthens our ability to provide a collection that represents the entire Arlington community and protects the ability of our community to read what they choose without fear of censorship or judgment. More information on the Book Sanctuary movement can be found at <https://www.booksanctuary.org/>
- **Final Summer Reading Business** – Every year, the Friends make a donation in honor of the Summer Reading participants. This year the recipient is the Educational Theatre Company (ETC) and the donation is \$6,338 (one dollar for every SRP completion).
- **Use of carts on G3** – The library is welcome to use FOAL carts during non-sale use days.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Received final request for \$63,825 for Q4
- Seeing how we are tracking against the 400K+ budget

### **Memberships and Donations Update for Sept. 2023**

- 23 donations for a total of \$6475
- 51 new and renewal for \$2045
- FOAL now has 808 members

### **Book sale update**

- There is \$395 in cash for tip money
- Totally # of boxes are up – the inventory is already at 1700 (vs. the last sale where we had 1400 in total.)
- Quincy room is held for Specialty books
- Vendors confirmed
- Nothing is approved for free at the sale. Donors, need to ask in advance. We reserve the right to give away books that will be tossed away after the sale ends
- \*Note that via email the following were approved by the board to receive book donations valued at \$50 each:
  - Andrew B. Ferrari Argus Group Home

- Books are Food for your Brain
- Clothesline
- DC Books to Prisons
- Doorways
- Food Justice DMV

### **Spring Book Sale April 18 – 21**

- Had an uptick in puzzles and games donation
- There is a hold on accepting book donations between Oct 18-November 3

### **Little Free Pantry**

- Diane will respond to all inquiries
- FOAL to talk to the library about creating a working group to explore other options

### **Other**

- Event for Poet Laureate – October 17 at Thai Treasure from 7-9
- As we don't have that many opportunities to volunteer with FOAL or the Library besides the book sales, explore other ways to get involved.
- Sharon resigned from the board. We thank her for her contributions over the years.
- Action Item: Laura to write up what a board member does
- Action Item: Jane to review background check policies that other similar boards have
- Action Item: Kelly to find a quote re: board training

### **Local Artist Banner**

Motion passed to accept artwork with FOAL and Library branding 5 x 8 banner for \$400.