

## **FOAL Annual Meeting Notes – 9/11/23**

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

**Missing:** Kelly Fado

### **Library Update:**

- Next Arlington Reads events are:
  - Thursday, September 14: [Javier Zamora](#)
  - Thursday, September 21: [Art Spiegelman](#) (taking place at Kenmore instead of Central)
  - Wednesday, September 27: [Matthew Desmond](#)
  - Wednesday, November 8: [Chef Sean Sherman](#)
- Crystal City – Planning continues for the new library branch in Crystal City. No dates yet for opening.
- The Library will remove the food pantry on 9/30.
  - Note: Regarding the Library's choice to remove the food pantry: FOAL would like to work with the community on options to replace the structure.

### **Final Summer Reading Numbers**

- This year's donation will go to the Educational Theatre Company (ETC) for \$6,338 (one dollar for every SRP completion).
- 72% completion and 45% super readers.

### **Welcome, Amy Miller, our new part-time administrative assistant**

- In August, FOAL had eight new member sign-ups, 32 renewals, and 12 donors who combined to give \$4551.

### **2017 W&L artist**

- We would like to bring him to the Library to paint a backdrop for the book sale while supporting a local artist.
- Jane Posner to get an estimate from him and bring it to the board.

### **October 17: Event for Courtney LeBlanc, Arlington's new Poet Laureate**

- The event will be held at Thai Treasure in Arlington.
- Suggest using Evite or Paperless Post.
- Suggest asking members-only first to RSVP before opening it up to the community.

### **Other**

- Linda is resigning from the board. We thank her for her fantastic service and support as our event coordinator.
- \*Note that we want to discuss funding a childhood literacy grant in November