

FOAL Meeting Notes – 12/4/23

Attendance: Attendance: Claire Christian, Rob Hizon, Laura Porter, Jane Posner, Kate Summers, Brittany Robertson, Natalia Lanteigne, Amy Miller, Judy Kindell, Kelly Fado, Jamie Krovontka

Library: Diane Kresh and Peter Petruski

Other: Merri, Christy Cole, Arlington Community Foundation (ACF), Jamee Hood (ACF)

Missing: Todd Ludeke

Library Update: Diane Kresh and Peter Petruski

- Library circulation is up 14% from this point last year. We're on pace for 3.7 million checkouts this fiscal year (last year was 3.2 million).
- Library holds placed are up 15%.
- The number of active patrons who have used their library card in the past year is up 13.5%. We currently have 83,000 active patrons.
- Partner request from R.E.A.D. They are looking for other groups to collaborate on a project where they send books to enrolled families to create home libraries. FOAL is happy to speak to them about this opportunity.

Christy Cole and Jamee Hood, from ACF

- Talked about our financial strategy and a recommended philanthropic approach.

Amy

- We raised over \$10K from our Giving Tuesday campaign!
- We are holding our Lifetime Members Event on January 23 from 6-7:30 at Central Library in the Quincy Room

Natalia

- Need to internally figure out our reserve policy and spending policy.

Marty

- All the vendors have been paid
- The cost of the bookstore movers was as low as it's ever been
- 8-10 book carts don't roll well. Marty asked for \$80 to buy new wheels for the carts.
 - The request was granted.
- Recommend booking the auditorium 4 months in advance – June 26

Executive Session

- Develop a description for the DPT liaison role on the board (Claire action item)
- A motion was made to fund a 100-year community event for Cherrydale Library.
 - It passed for \$700
- For the bookstore and book sale, all kids' books should be priced at \$1, and we will no longer have books wrapped in plastic.