

**Montgomery/Floyd Joint Friends of the Library**

**Christiansburg Library**

**April 14, 2016**

**The meeting was called to order by Kit Haggard at 2:00.**

**Attending were: Kit Haggard, Ellen Hall, Sam Hicks, Susan Keith, Janice Litschert, Linda Spivey, Sherry Wyatt, Sue Farrar, Kathy Calvert, Diane Wilson, Phyllis Eschenmann, Kay Dunlap, Scott Klopfer, Marg Modlin, Leslie Kennedy and Jean Sumner.**

**A motion to approve the Agenda was seconded and passed.**

**The Minutes from the Montgomery Friends March meeting were read and approved.**

**The Montgomery Friends Treasurer's report was given by Sam Hicks.**

**New Business:**

**A question was raised as to why we keep funds in reserve, instead of giving it all to the Library. Kit explained about our funding. Paula Alston gives us her request for funding each year. Our money goes to provide things the local and federal funding do not cover, for example, the Summer Reading Program. It is important that we keep funds available (in reserve) in case extra funding is needed. Sam explained about a 'short-fall'.**

**A motion was passed to accept the slate of officers for the joint organization: Friends of the Montgomery/Floyd Regional Library: Kit Haggard, President; Susan Keith, Secretary; and Sam Hicks, Treasurer.**

The business meeting was adjourned to hear our Speaker, Sherry Wyatt, Collection Manager of the Montgomery Museum and Lewis Miller Regional Art Center, who was introduced by Ellen Hall. Her talk was on "Preserving History at Home." According to Sherry you need to do some basic research. First, understand what you have. Second, record what you learn in a way that preserves your information. Use citations! Third, label your research and keep records of your family history. She gave each person a handout about how to go about your research, and where you can look for help. Her talk was very informative and interesting.

The program ended at 3:20, and was followed by a dessert reception. provided by the FOL Hostess Committee, headed by Phyllis Eschenmann and Diane Wilson. The refreshments, as always, were delicious.

The next Montgomery FOL meeting is May 17, at Christiansburg Library, at 3:00,

Submitted by Susan Keith, Treasurer.