

Feb. 16, 2021 Meeting

Present: Piper Durrell, Phyllis Eschenmann, Linda Greaver, Ellen Hall, Sue Hossack, Janice Litschert, Linda Powers, Linda Spivey, Brenda Springer, Ken Vaughan

1. Acceptance of agenda- all agreed

2. Approval of minutes

two typos- now corrected

motion made by Linda Powers, 2nd Linda Spivey

3. Treasurers Report, Brenda S.

January has looked nice for the FOL budget

memberships have come along and there have been many donations in amounts less than \$100 for a total of \$2,495.

Blacksburg has brought in \$790 in outside book sales for a total of \$4,032 in income

Brenda has not picked up the latest batch so there may be more awaiting.

No long-term liabilities

now have \$22,955 in cash and \$8,000 CD

Budget:

showed \$475 for miscellaneous income and Brenda has discovered that the source of this income was fees for parking on football game days- and the presumption is that we cannot count on that source of income.

Net income of \$22,295 to give to the library system

Summer Reading Program

Budgeted for \$400

Ellen talked to Karim who talked to Sarah who is the Youth & Children's Services Coordinator who said she intended to only have 1 live professional speaker this year (so low cost) BUT

her plan is to use the money for that but she would like to up the prizes for the summer reading

program and have one superprize like a bicycle so more money might be required. A budget of \$1,000 was approved. There was a suggestion that East Coasters and Lions Club be contacted about bicycles.

4. Membership

The Blacksburg outdoor book sales have had membership forms available.

Membership Figures-

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| comparisons since last month | Family | 33 January | now 47 Feb. |
| | Indiv | 22 | now 30 |

many have not renewed and another email will go out

there is now \$367 in the PayPal account. Sue H is trying to get Square to send it directly to Brenda but it is complicated.

The renewal email has where you can get paper membership form or the link to email form.

Linda Greaver sent 14 personal notes to people asking if they'd like to switch to email and 4 did convert from paper to email.

Once all the numbers are worked out FOL will know how many print copies need to be made.

The printed newsletter will contain a print membership form.

Printing as needed saves a lot of money- and it all goes to the library.

The idea was raised that perhaps people who request print copies should perhaps pay a bit more (some local groups do this) to cover almost the cost of printing and mailing.

5. Library Scholarship

Go over requirements. There was discussion but no vote as Karim's ideas and more details have to be put into place.

As long as Ellen has been involved with the library only one person has applied for and received the scholarship.

The current scholarship is \$1,000 split between Montgomery and Floyd Counties.

Because the scholarship is not being used Karim feels the qualifications be broadened, including

- * part-time staff

- * working on undergraduate degree

- * attend community college

There are 3 other programs granting scholarships-

Montgomery County Tuition Assistance – only for full time classified staff

Floyd County Tuition Assistance- only for full time classified staff

VLA- 3 scholarships per year in state of Virginia

This leaves many people falling through the cracks so...

Karim wants to make it \$2,000, the money would come from his budget...

Ken suggested it would be nice, if there is a need, for there to be 2 or 3 tuition assistance possibilities.