

AGENDA**January 19, 2021****Virtual****3:00**

Present: Lynn Brammer, Piper Durrell, Linda Greaver, Ellen Hall, Sue Hossack, Janice Litschert, Linda Spivey, Brenda Springer, Ken Vaughan

1. Acceptance of agenda -approved

2. Approval of minutes

Janice had made one correction before the meeting, minutes approved, motion Linda P, 2nd, Lynn B

3. Treasurer's report – Brenda

Net profit for the year of \$748 . Karim did not need/request all the monies in profit from 2020.

Membership monies from Oct-Dec 2020 are reflected in 2021 report (more discussion later)

Balance sheet shows \$27, 206 in checking and CDs

Motion made to accept Treasurer's report approved- motion Linda P, Ken 2nd

4. Invest extra cash in a CD? - Brenda

Brenda had made some phone calls and the current interest rate on a 12 month CD is .1% so the general consensus was, once again, not worth it to move the money anywhere, and perhaps rates will change sometime in the future. So there is now \$19,000 in checking and a \$8,000 CD making decent interest that comes due in June.

5. Approval of draft audit report – all

The audit committee, which met through Zoom, consisted of Ellen, Linda Powers, Brenda Springer, and former Treasurer Sam Hicks. All present voted in favor of accepting the audit report.

6. Budget planning for 2020 – all

first discussion concerned Garden Tour and whether it can/will happen-Lynn has kept in touch with 2020 tour hosts and volunteers and Master Gardeners and the reality is- it depends on where things stand with CDC guidance and local COVID statistics. Most of last year business donations said their donations could be rolled over, Crows Nest said keep and will donate again, Ken made a suggestion that the garden truck, Lichen or Not Plant Company, be contacted: Lynn knows the owner and will do so.

It is still necessary to solicit donations for the summer reading program because it will exist this summer- last year's virtual was very successful

Individual donations last year was \$4,051.50, which was \$1,500 over budget (there was one large donation, most are overpayments on membership). Left in budget as \$2,500.

Membership- once again, an unknown. Fol fiscal year is Jan-Dec, Membership year is the same but membership drive is usually in late fall with membership beginning as of date paid and following through the next year. So without major book sale or a membership drive- or a combination thereof which happened last year- cannot count on more money coming in until libraries open.

Cannot count on making \$7,000 at Garden Tour

Hold expenses as they are

zero out Notecards and Total Programs (no one quite sure as to what the latter is)

leave in Hospitality Budget – usually covers big fete the day after Garden Tour but could be used for other purposes

Newsletter- now mostly electronic, budget only \$300

Stamps are at RSVP, could be picked up there (LG)

Handwritten notes/newsletter and membership forms to members without email addresses to be sent by Linda Greaver, hoping some of them will send their new emails addresses in return.

Leave coffee at \$750, not known when and if will be needed

7. Membership report – Sue

As of 1/18/20 FOL had

33 renewed Family Memberships and 1 new, most of whom had paid online

(2020 there were 107 family memberships, 73 have not renewed)

22 renewed Individual memberships and 2 new, most of whom had also paid online

(2020 there were 112 individual memberships, 88 have not renewed)

Sue has sent out email reminders to those who have not yet renewed

Ellen will send out a notice to the Master Group (166 members) about the book sale on Friday- weather dependent-and include a reminder about memberships.

There will also be membership forms at the book sale. Book sale is on the MFRL Facebook page.

Obviously membership numbers are way down but little can be done till the libraries are open and there can be membership drives.

8. Newsletter report – Ken

Submissions Due Jan 25 April 19 July 19 October 18

There will be a link to the membership forms in the electronic version of the newsletter and a paper form will be in the newsletter sent to the few people who have no email address listed

9. Review new dates for Board meetings - Linda Spivey

continuing with 3rd Tuesdays at 3, Zoom

10. Correct and approve list of board members and contact information – only change made is Ellen has listed Piper Durrell as Acting Secretary

NEXT MEETING: February 16, 20210

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3:00