

Montgomery Friends of the Library

Blacksburg Library

March 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Ellen Hall at 3:00 p.m.

Attending were: Ellen Hall, Sam Hicks, Linda Powers, Janice Litschert, Donna Worley, Jeanette Staats, Jo Brown, Phyllis Eschenmann, and Linda Spivey.

A motion to approve the Agenda was seconded and passed.

Ellen introduced the new editor of our newsletter, Jeanette Staats. A discussion on the format of the newsletter included: what would help Jeanette to make putting it together easier, what would help us in our submissions, whether to add color which would cost more, whether to have one big print issue with the rest sent electronically, whether to allow members to opt out of print and get all issues electronically. Jeanette will send out instructions for newsletter submissions. The library director had suggested some changes so a meeting will be arranged to see what she had in mind.

The minutes to the January meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Sam Hicks gave the Treasurer's report and presented the new budget for 2016. 2015 income was down from 2014. Book sales were down, but scholarships were also given that had not been budgeted. The total assets as of March 14 are \$23,843.52.

Linda Spivey explained her requests for volunteer hours. We are to send her anything extra beyond our FOL meeting time and what we record in the volunteer record book.

Ellen gave us an update on the membership drive. We have 235 members so far as opposed to 270 this time last year—60 members from 2015 have not renewed, but there are 40 new members. Jo suggested posting a sign with all FOL members to remind those who have not joined yet. Ellen suggested changing the wording on membership information to "support" rather than "join." Don Creamer has resigned from the membership committee—Ellen will still chair it.

Ellen reported that Sue Hossack is doing some redesigning of our website. FOL minutes and other information will be on the website.

Sam suggested some possible new FOL fundraisers and the need for a steady income. Some ideas were: a mother/daughter tea, father/son reception, use of

library patrons' list to ask for contributions to fund a list of programs or a specific project, and raffles. In 2004, Certificates of Deposit were bought with extra money, but the money now is given to the library. When fundraising, we should ask ourselves the amount needed and what it is for.

Board members are to be thinking of potential speakers/presenters for the October meeting. Our next meeting will be the Joint Regional Meeting on April 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Christiansburg library.