

Montgomery Friends of the Library

Blacksburg Library

November 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Ellen Hall at 2:59.

Attending were: Ellen Hall, Sam Hicks, Susan Keith, Jo Brown, Ruth Heinselmann, Janice Litschert, Linda Powers, Linda Spivey, Alison Armstrong, and Mike Armstrong.

A motion to approve the Agenda was made and passed.

Minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting were approved.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was seconded and approved. We currently have assets of \$41,730.28.

Announcements:

Linda Powers said we need to remember that Paula is retiring this Spring.

Paula Alston presented her request for funding for 2017. Her total request for MC is \$24,761. Sam asked if we could increase discretionary funding for each library? Paula said that we have 2 staff members starting school. We can help them with scholarships. Paula explained some of the programs we help fund. Linda Spivey explained the reading programs and expenses. A 'cultural series' was mentioned, and Sam asked what that might be. Paula said it would be a lecture, or program, such as one about Black History, or a writing program. Radford does a local author's day. Ellen asked if there were more questions about the budget. We delayed a discussion about scholarships. The budget for 2017 was approved.

Fundraisers:

Treasurer Sam Hicks feel that we need more income.

Ellen introduced Alison (Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees) and her husband Mike. Alison presented the idea of taking photos of the

Garden Tour, and turning them into notecards. We could sell these as a fundraiser. Several questions were raised. Should we have the name of the garden owners on the back of the cards? We would have to get permission from the gardeners. Should they be slick finish or matte? When could we get some? Mike said it takes several days. How many cards could we sell in a package, and for how much? We will discuss this further.

Newsletter:

The use of color has added greatly to our Newsletter, and we will continue to do this.

Garden Tour:

Jo Brown reported that the 2017 Garden Tour will be held on July 8, 2017. Seven gardens will be on the tour. They are in Shawsville and the Valley. The Committee meetings have been set, with the first to be on January 31, 2017. Last year, 479 tickets were sold, and 30-40 were given away. 70 volunteers worked on the Tour. We need some Handicap signs. Jo suggested that we give 5% of the net profit to Master Gardeners for their help. A motion was made and seconded that we do this. Sam wants us to wait until all bills are in, which was seconded by Linda Powers. Jo said that we have 2 scrapbooks to display during the Membership Drive. Also, she wondered if the 2017 Tour garden owners could get our Newsletter. Ellen said to talk with Sue.

Linda Spivey said Board calendars are not ready. Ellen has talked with Kit Haggard about Floyd hosting the April Joint MFRL Friends meeting. Linda will check on a date and time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47. Our next meeting will be January 17, 2017 at 3:00.

Submitted by Susan Keith, Secretary.

