

Montgomery Friends of the Library

Meadowbrook Library

August 21, 2018

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

Attending were: Ellen Hall, Jo Brown, Sam Hicks, Sue Hossack, Susan Keith, Linda Spivey and Ken Vaughan.

The Agenda was approved.

Minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given. We have \$43,505.10 in assets now. A motion to accept the report was made, seconded and approved.

Old Business:

Bulk Mail: Ellen has looked at our expenses, and had a meeting with Carrie Ligon, at the Post Office, to discuss this. The annual fee we pay for using bulk mail is \$255. We spend \$218 for each mailing. Sue will send out an email asking who might be interested in receiving an email edition of the newsletter, rather than the paper version. Ken could put this in the newsletter. We need feedback on how members feel about this. Sam will check on when we need to pay the \$255 bulk mail fee.

Garden Tour: Jo Brown gave the Board a full report of the 2018 Garden Tour (see handout). Gardens for the 2019 Tour have been selected, but not confirmed. Jo is stepping down as co-chair of the committee, but Mary Ann Cole and Lynn Brammer will be co-chairs.

Sue Hossack is looking at new possibilities for our website, as the old one is difficult to use. There was a motion made, seconded and passed that Sue pursue this. We currently use Dream Host Starter. She will have to check and see if we are paying for this.

Ellen asked Linda Spivey to check with the different Librarians and see if one of them has a program this Fall that we could partner with for our annual meeting. If so, we need to get this in the Newsletter. The Fall Newsletter goes out on September 20.

Newsletter: Monena Hall sent an article that Linda Spivey forwarded for the Fall Newsletter. Several possible articles were talked about, one about large donations to the Friends or the Foundation having tax advantages, another about our young library "fan", who writes letters thanking the library for what they do.

Membership forms are included in the Fall and Winter issues of the Newsletter.

The meeting ended at 4:25. Our next Board Meeting will be on September 18, 2018, in Christiansburg at 3:00.

Submitted by Susan Keith, Secretary.