

NOVEMBER 2024 FOL Board Meeting, 11/19 3pm Christiansburg

Present: Ellen Hall, Judy Rea, Linda Greaver, Brenda Springer, Danielle Moore, Katrina Osorio, Karim Khan, Piper Durrell

1. Acceptance of agenda- accepted
2. Annual request for funding from Library Director:
Request was for \$ 35, 237.
A list of specifics was discussed.
Brenda asked about the monetary differential between the 2024 request and this one- inflation, some new programs including Music Therapy, and outdoor programming at the new Dessy Terrace in Blacksburg when it opens next year.
He also states that the Sensory Museum (neurodiverse) has been a huge success, was on the road at all the different libraries, was presented at a library conference, and won an award at the Virginia Association of Counties.
Judy complemented the Book Mobile programming and how Sally is traveling to the Montgomery County Museum gardens, and other commented on the fact that is going to remote locations and private schools where it benefits a large population.
Karim mentioned it might be time to fund in an assistant to help with the Book Mobile so it can function when Sally is not there to do the rounds.
Linda asked about outreach at the Children's Museum and Karim responded now that the Museum has moved to Uptown Christiansburg (aka the mall) they have not pursued a visit. NRCC has no library at the mall, the library might wish to pursue a relationship there.

Request approved by all.
3. Approval of October Minutes- approved
4. Treasurer's Report- Brenda
Program income \$32, 705, expenses \$1,220, net income \$31, 177
There have been no expenses related to hospitality
Total assets just shy of \$70,000 in CD's and checking account
Book sales are doing quite well.
5. Results of voting for officers- 28 votes cast
Judy Rea- President
Piper Durrell- Secretary
Brenda Springer- Treasurer
6. Membership Report-Katrina
There have been some new members but it is time for yearly renewals. Katrina will send out a reminder after the Thanksgiving holiday with a link to the online membership forms.
New membership forms can be found at all the libraries, and can be mailed in or scanned.
7. Book Sales
The Blacksburg Library sale this past weekend brought in over \$750.
Christiansburg is having a big sale in late December.

Ellen mentioned that an acquaintance, a former teacher, has many books to donate and she directed her to the Blacksburg Library.

8. Garden Tour Report

Ellen said that the committee is working on timelines so that there will be less of a crunch as the event approaches.

Sue Hossack is going to teach them how Google Drive can help with their planning documents
It will be the 29th year of the garden tour

Judy asked if there was any way there could be a place for the Master Gardeners to stay at each garden- to sit, eat lunch, etc. They work 2 4 hour shifts usually, for an 8 -hour day and need a place for breaks.

Everyone was curious as to the possibilities for a food truck, or two.

And there were questions about bathrooms- would it be possible for each garden to have a sheet indicating the closest public facility with bathrooms, people are always asking that of the people working their garden shifts.

9. Newsletter- Danielle

People complimented Danielle on the fall newsletter.

Judy and Danielle can work out when the 4 issues for the upcoming year will go out.

Dolly Parton article- there are hopes of having an article for the next newsletter about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, either to be written by Karim or a member of the DPIL committee.

10. Odds and Ends

There are hopes that the new pavilion at Blacksburg will have its's formal opening/dedication in early spring. It is meant to be used in fair weather.

Brenda offered a thank you to Ellen for all of her years of service as President. Everyone joined in with their appreciation. She will remain on the Board as a representative of the Garden Committee.