

FOL MINUTES OCT. 2024

Attending: Linda Greaver, Judy Rea, Brenda Springer, Ellen Hall, Phyllis Eschenmann, Katrina Osario

Meeting called to order October 15, 2024 at 3:00 pm, Meadowbrook Library

- Agenda was approved
- Approval of Sept. minutes with one correction—"we did not go over last month's minutes (instead of agenda)."; also the spelling of Karim's name
- Treasurer's report was approved; unanimously approved putting \$15000 in another CD with money from the checking account ; net income is \$30,258.14; Total assets are \$68,949.18
- Ellen will prepare a message for distribution to replace the annual meeting and will include the financial report and ballot; there will be online voting in place of the annual meeting; Brenda will include a treasurer's report
- Katrina presented a membership report; members who join now will be counted as 2025 members; there was 1 new member and 2 renewing members
- Linda presented the possibility of offering a lifetime membership; after much discussion we decided not to offer this at this point; we discussed the possibility of increasing dues by \$5 for each category next year but tabled this for later discussion
- Book sales are continuing to contribute to our budget; Blacksburg Library Book Sale will be November 15 from 4-5:00 for members only and November 16 for the general public; Christiansburg Library Book Sale will be December 19-22
- Ellen presented the Garden Tour report; the garden tour was a huge success and next year's garden tour will feature homes in Blacksburg; the garden tour committee will develop a timeline in order for improved coordination
- Danielle is preparing the newsletter for distribution
- The meeting was adjourned
- Our next meeting will be November 19 in Christiansburg