

FOL Board Meeting, May 21 2024, Christiansburg

Agenda

Present-Lynn Brammer, Piper Durrell, Ellen Hall, Linda Greaver, Danielle Moore, Linda Powers, Judy Rea, Brenda Springer

1. Acceptance of Agenda- so approved
2. Approval of Minutes- Piper- approved with corrections
3. Treasurer's Report- Brenda
Items of note- CD's have made over \$400 in interest in 2024
Total book sales, including Meadowbrook, Christiansburg and Blacksburg is \$9, 470.
Garden Tour donations are \$2,250
Total income before expenses is just shy of \$15,000, after expenses is \$13, 826
When people do on line memberships they frequently pay the fee
Coffee sales going well- usually purchases only happen at Blacksburg library
No liabilities and total equity is \$52, 517.
Accepted and passed
4. Membership Report
The Christiansburg book sale is this weekend- Linda G will bring membership forms that include a QR code
7 new memberships this month, currently 139 memberships
As to who will receive the newsletters, Ellen and Sue had a discussion and the current policy, effective for the last newsletter, is send to all memberships that are current or were in effect for 2023
5. Garden Tour- Lynn
June 1 tickets will be available at all libraries. Tickets can also be purchased online.
Program/flyer/ticket are all being worked on. Program and map come with each ticket
The volunteer party will be Sunday at Elissa Steeves home
The committee needs more people with computer skills, in particular those who can modify and amend prior year documents to current year needs
There will be 3 rain barrels, artists are working on them now. Last year the Tour made thousands of dollars on the raffle for the rain barrels (as opposed to losing money on the note cards)
There will no longer be points on interest on the flyer, just concentrate on the homes on the tour
At the Montgomery Museum there will be Master Gardener's, Master Naturalists, and members of the Native Plant Society.
Artists and musicians are a bonus- if there is not someone there all the time, that is OK
How to get more people to the tour-Lynn will work on creating a new event on Facebook
There are several new sponsors- Ascential Buildings, MD Inc., Brenda keeps up with the sponsorships
Signs- last year the signs were \$18 each, Ellen has been trying to work it out with Sign Spot, has yet to sign because the quotes are too high and the right material has been hard to find. It is important to remember the signs are only used for about 8 hours, one time.

Do membership forms at one house? Decision on where to be made, rain barrels are at the Stone home on Murray Street

6. Newsletter and Garden Tour Issue- Danielle

Danielle needs the garden descriptions- which are on the garden website.

Pictures of rain barrels will be an incentive too- but are not yet painted, so just use last year pictures.

Credit Charles Bostian for any pictures used in the newsletter

The Bookmobile woman would like to start reading to children at the Montgomery Museum garden

Meeting adjourned at 3:40