

FOL Board Meeting. 2/18/25, Christiansburg

Present: Lynn Brammer, Piper Durrell, Linda Greaver, Ellen Hall, Katrina Osario, Linda Powers, Judy Rea, Brenda Springer

1. Acceptance of Agenda- so approved
2. Approval of Minutes for January- approved with two corrections
3. Treasurer's Report-

Budget Sheet Comparisons-

Individual donations higher than expected

Membership not where we want it to be.

Interest up

Book sales up

Still no requests for reimbursement from Hospitality

Very minimal expenses

Net *income* after yearly check given to MFRL was \$4,190 (see below for money in bank)

Balance Sheet

Checking account \$8,887

3 CD's with approximately \$36,000- one CD matures 2/19/25, another matures in March. Discussion as to what to do, final decision was to put \$5,000 in a short term CD as an if-needed measure, the remaining \$13,000 in another 13 month CD with an interest around 3.75%

Budget 2025

Discussion as to changes

Ellen, Garden Committee, maybe move budget up to \$1,700. She is still working on sponsors

Maybe a lower membership amount - \$1,800- would be more realistic. There was a discussion about having a membership drive at Christiansburg.

Budget, with suggested changes, was approved.

Treasurer's report also approved.

4. Book Sales-

Last year were over \$23,000

So far this year Blacksburg has had over \$400 in internet sales and over \$800 in book sales at the library. Once again, there were many sales- not included in amount- with book bucks. Blacksburg plans another short mini-sale in the spring- date to be determined- that will be a half-price sale not a bag sale.

5. Memberships

Katrina presented the membership statistics. There are 111 memberships including Floyd, the Foundation, and Business members. Many renewals took place in January and February.

There were several short discussions as to business memberships/sponsorships, whether libraries/staff should/could/have been promoting FOL memberships to patrons, and whether the Floyd list is current.

6. Newsletter

Danielle is scheduled to send Judy a draft of the winter newsletter tomorrow and Judy will pass it on to Sue H and Ellen.

7. Garden Tour

There was apparently a link issue with the Garden Tour that needs to be resolved.

- Correct link is <https://mfrlfriends.org/wp/garden-tour/>

Sue H set up a timeline template that has been very helpful for meetings and to-do lists- so far all is on schedule or "chugging along" to be exact.

Judy needs to be added to Google Drive so she can receive the owners' questionnaire for the Master Gardeners

Updates to info on web sites can not be made if no one passes on the info to Sue. She needs a list of the new Library Board members.

Ellen made an invoice form for business memberships.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45

Next meeting March 18th in Blacksburg