

Minutes, FOL Board Meeting, Christiansburg, May 20 2025

Present: Linda Powers, Linda Greaver, Brenda Springer, Judy Rea, Piper Durrell

1. Acceptance of Agenda-so approved LP/LG
2. Acceptance of April minutes- so approved LP/LG
3. Treasurer's Report-Brenda
Profit and Loss comparison to last year- donations up, membership up, book sales down
Garden Tour donations in and one Garden Tour expense paid that is actually a 2024 expense to Master Gardeners, coffee sales down but expenses up.
Net income in 2025 is \$12, 405, down 10% from same period last year.
Balance Sheet, with CD's and cash in the bank is \$55,286, up 5.3 %
4. Book sales- Christiansburg has sold \$1,900 since Jan1, Piper had not brought Blacksburg statistics but the total amount for all libraries was \$7, 011 since 1/1/25 and the flash bag sale two weeks ago brought in a bit over \$350.
5. Membership Report- Membership is growing, 12 new members last month. There was a discussion as how to grow membership and all were in agreement that membership would grow if people knew of what membership pays for, especially in terms of supporting programs for children, and how important FOL money will be if cuts to library funding continues. Some ideas floated- have membership forms more obviously available at local libraries, perhaps a bulletin board dedicated to what FOL does for the community, and Linda G agreed to create a form for the garden tour with a special discount for those who joined in July (membership for 2025 and 2026).
Judy's speech to the Newcomers brought in a \$100 donation and 2 new memberships. She is also looking for a new person to take over the Membership Committee.
6. Newsletter-Judy is working on her column.
7. Garden Tour. Moving along, the price is going up \$5, tickets available in June, all gardens in Blacksburg. Ellen and Maureen are gathering garden greeters and will meet with Sign Spot soon for the yard signs.
8. Discussion for decreasing meetings. Piper suggested quarterly plus the annual meeting. No decision was researched, will be discussed again at the next few meetings.
9. Odds and Ends Discussion-

Annual meeting will be Sunday, October 19 in Blacksburg. Looking for a speaker.

Do we want to expand what we do, need some creative thoughts on the matter, again trying to make the public more aware of what FOL is and does for the libraries/communities, discussion to continue.