

FOL Board Meeting, May 19 2026, Christiansburg 3pm

Present-Lynn Brammer, Piper Durrell, Linda Greaver, Ellen Hal, Linda Powers, Judy Rea, Brenda Springer

1. Acceptance Of Agenda, -accepted Lynn and Ellen
2. Acceptance of April 2026 Minutes-Brenda, Piper
3. Treasurer's Report

A CD is expired and there was a several minute discussion as to where to put that money, and ultimately it was decided to combine it with a withdrawal from checking and purchase a 6 month CD at 3.8% (note there is no interest on checking acct monies).

Donations and public support are up, investment income is up, book sales are at 89% of the budgeted amount, garden tour donations are up and income for 2026 is 133.7% of the budgeted amount.

As of May 15th, total equity was \$57,431.

It was decided that funding for the National Library Week brunch/lunches for staff would be made as a part of next year's budget.

4. Membership Report-2 new memberships this month

Short discussion as to what to do about memberships (see other concerns)

5. Book Sales

Month of April was a half-price sale at the Blacksburg Library, many books sold but money was down. There is an overabundance of books to sell and a lack of space to store them.

Blacksburg will have a bag sale on the Saturday of Halloween, Christiansburg will have their bag sale in early December.

6. Newsletter

The next edition-July- is the Garden Tour Edition. Lynn will write something for the issue.

October issue will have Garden Tour results and a list of donors will be in that newsletter.

7. Garden Tour

Ellen went to Sign-A -Rama, on May 11, and showed them what the signs should look like and ordered them- 5 greeter desks with 6 signs for \$120

Draft will be shown to her in 3-4 days and should be ready after approval in a week

Ellen has spoken to the other leaders involved in the garden tour and worked with obtaining sponsors and greeters. She spoke to Margery and Maureen and has worked

out coverage for the groups/people she has worked with in the past and everything is covered.

This year, and hopefully in the future, the greeters will be using sign-up genius. Sue is working with those who are not-tech-savvy and need help with sign-up genius. This will eliminate many steps and the greeters will not need personal reminders. Ellen is available to float this year when there are empty spaces.

Lynn will continue to do all that she does, as will Sue Hossack.

8. Other Concerns

Marissa has made a mockup of a brochures similar to that of the Radford Library that Linda G. brought to the last Board meeting. It will have membership info on the inside and it is hoped it can be available at the Garden Tour.

There will be a SUPPORT FOL sign made or found for the local libraries (check on sign in the closet at Blacksburg).

Still trying to decide what to do about membership, so we are holding off on the idea of having different levels of membership. Linda checked around with other libraries and membership and the levels thereof ranged from \$75 to \$1,000. What exactly are the benefits of membership? That also needs to be discussed.

9. Good News

Judy has worked with Ellen at Blacksburg Books in hopes of finding a speaker for the annual October meeting.

The meeting will be Sunday October 18th at 3, there will be voting before the author speaks, and the author is Stephen Grant, of *Mailman*.

No need for food if we are going to need extra chairs.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, June 16th at Blacksburg