

Cleveland County Friends of the Library Board Minutes

May 3rd, 2022

Present for the May Board Meeting were: Jann Ford, Emily Yelton, Roger Harris, Betsy Jones, Cindi Dashnaw, John Button, Wright Adams, Andy Brown, Shearra Miller, Betty Blanton, Andrea Fite, and Kay Harvell

Jann called the meeting to order with a collective celebration of noise and cheers for a successful Annual Members Meeting 2022!! The feeling was unanimous that this event was enjoyed by everyone. The setting, the food, the community coming together, and the author herself, bringing a message about love, marriage, and endings.

The Minutes for April were approved.

Roger Harris presented the treasure's report as of May 3rd with a Beginning Balance of \$17,471.43 Total Income of \$381.00 from April of: Book Sale for March, \$237.00, Book Sale for April \$109.00, and Membership dues of \$35.00. Total Expenses of \$4,521.04 included Post office rental \$182.00, Speaker Fee for Cassandra King Conroy of \$4,000.00 and rental of the LeGrand Center Event \$339.04. Ending balance of \$13,331.39. The Treasure's report was approved.

Betsy reported that we have a total of 78 members for 2022.

Betsy reported that the May Pop-Up Book Sale totaled \$109.00 and was advertised on Facebook, Shelby Shopper, and the Library Facebook page. We are asked to share, share, share, on our Facebook pages as well. Andrea has added a video as well, that can be shared. Our local library shoppers have indicated this is the way that they have learned of any FOL activities. Our next pop-up sale will be on May 31 from 4-6pm, and we need members to sign up to help.

Annual Meeting Follow Up: Jann had 110 agendas printed for the meeting, and ran out, so attendance was good at our annual meeting. Emily stated that only 2 couples from the Literacy Circle were unable to attend. This was a successful meeting, and no recommendations for change were noted.

Bookmobile Fundraising Campaign: Betsy made a suggestion that we elect a sub-committee for the fundraising campaign, and at this time they are Roger Harris, Shearra Miller, Andrea Fite, and Jann Ford, with Wright Adams assisting as needed. They will begin to look at setting up a PayPal account, looking at letters to use in our campaign, and raising around \$52,550.00 in funds. Andrea suggested that this should be "Our Bookmobile County-Wide Campaign" seeking funding from the school-system, and possible COVID Impact County Funds, so everyone feels ownership of this campaign. Roger stated the committee will work out details and report back to our June board meeting.

Jann asked Cindy to include the Bookmobile Campaign information to our Newsletter for this month along with pictures of our annual member meeting. Cindy will let us know when the newsletter is ready for folding.

Library Director's Report: Wright Adams

- Wright presented information on North Carolina Public Library Directors Association which the FOL board has donated to each year. Roger made the recommendation to give \$250.00, seconded by Betsy Jones, vote passed.

- Up-coming events and year's highlights.
- In May and June, the Library will begin offering Workforce Development programs in partnership with Cleveland Community College. The programs will focus on creating a resume and conducting job and career research.
- The library is proud to partner with the Board of Elections to offer early voting to the citizens of Cleveland County.
- Summer Reading /Summer Learning 2022 will soon begin.
- Wright celebrated the many talented library staff and community partners hosted in 2021, 2022, such as The Renaissance Fair, The Jane Austin Tea, The Seed Library, partnered with NC Cooperative Extension and Steps to Health, along with Master Gardeners providing library customers with gardening, food service, and many varieties of seeds.
- Our Beginning Gardening on a Budget program was well attended.
- The Cleveland County Youth Entrepreneurship program had four sessions focused on creating a business plan and creating a prototype of a product.

Jann announced our next meeting will be June 7th at 11:00 am in the large conference room.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Harvell