



Cleveland County Friends of the Library Board Minutes November 1st, 2022

Present for the November meeting were: Andy Brown, Miriam Ash-Jones, John Button, Roger Harris, Shearra Miller, Jann Ford, Wright Adams, and Kay Harvell

Jann called the meeting to order and asked that we each sign Get Well cards for Betty Blanton, who has a broken rib and upcoming knee surgery, and Cindi Dashnaw's husband who has had a stroke. The Minutes for October were approved. Thank you, Jann, for filling in, and Kay reported that all Thank you letters are being sent out as Roger notifies her. Keep those coming.

Roger Harris presented the Treasurer's report ending October 31st, 2022 with a beginning balance of \$30,378.70. Total Income of \$3,738.00, included Bookmobile Donations, member dues, and the September book sale. Total Expenses totaled \$251.06 and included printing of the newsletter and an online bank charge. We have a Gross Balance of \$33,865.64, Encumbered for Bookmobile is \$18,895.00, and a net balance of \$14,970.64. Roger provided a Membership Dues List for October which totaled \$1,100.00.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

Newsletter: The board discussed cutting back on the 4 times we are sending out a newsletter. We decided that our members deserve to have that contact at least 4 times a year, so it will stay the same at this time.

November Large Book Sale: We are scheduled to set up Thursday afternoon from 1:00-3:00pm, and our hours will be Friday, November 4th, from 10:00 to 5:00 and Saturday, November 5th, from 10:00 to 2:00pm. Pack up will be Monday from 10:00 till 12:00. We are still in need of volunteers in all area as many hands make short work. Sign-Up is on Signup Genius.

Jann reported that she met with Henry Gilmore, who is the Outreach Director for CCS, and is interested in working hand in hand with the library and his school plan PALS, which is seeking to place "book nooks" in local places that people have to wait, such as barber shops, salons, or laundromats. He bought a bag of books and plans on a partnership with the library.

Cleveland County Chamber Membership: The board discussed the possible benefits of becoming a member as a non-profit and the pros and cons. They will advertise with emails on events the library is having, but you have to push them and stay behind them. Membership cost is \$300

until the end of this year, and \$400 for next year. We could attend and have a voice at non-profit workshops, and try it for one year, but Roger suggested that we look into creating a budget that our board can work from. We have tabled membership discussion until next month.

Treasurer Roger Harris made the recommendation and a motion, that we create a group to discuss and complete a working yearly budget so that we know exactly what our expenses are, and what is coming in. The last several years we have lost money. The volunteer committee is Roger Harris, Andy Brown, and Jann Ford. Shearra Miller seconded the motion and it was carried. Roger will have a draft budget to present at our December meeting.

Also, Andy Brown, suggested that we think about having two people who can sign the checks if needed. Jann will check to see if she is still on as old treasurer, and add herself if not.

Bookmobile Fundraising Campaign: Roger had been asked by Jann to look at the Chamber of Commerce membership list. Since there are 600 plus members, the motion was made by John Button that we have him pick out 50 members, and send out to board members as to if you have a special connection to any of these selected that you can reach out to approach about bookmobile donations. This idea was approved by the board. Jann reported that Betsy Jones is working on getting a Donate Now Push Button added to our Facebook page.

Jann also reported that we are applying for a grant from the NC Council of the Arts for a cart for the Mobile Makerspace for the bookmobile. Library Director's Report: Wright shared that their Halloween Spooktacular was a success, and Posted Pumpkins to Facebook was well received. The library magazine is now available in the racks. Our bookmobile will be about the same size as a small school bus, 269 inches, 77 inches high. We need to order this now, since it will take 12 to 14 months to be ready. This vehicle will belong to the county, and be maintained by them.

Jann announced that our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 6th in the Maker's Space. Several suggested we like this as a meeting room. We can hear much better. Wright said that should be fine.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kay Harvell