

Meeting of the Friends of the Union County Library

25th Anniversary Celebration, Choestoe Schoolhouse, July 20, 2022

Friends and Special Guests in Attendance - Jackie Volk, President Sally Woodworth, Treasurer

Tom Volk Judy Baldwin Jane Manuszak Katherine Lavery Arlene Gray

Dottie Byrd Carver Byrd Connie Rosenberry Donna Howell Robert Harford

Kathy Lawrence Jackie Franklin Jim Woodworth Nancy Bryant, Secretary

Susie Brendle, Librarian Ann Lewis, Youth Services Coordinator

Prior to the Meeting, Jackie Volk, presented a short history of the origins of the Union County Public Library as well as an accounting of the formation of the Friends of the Union County Library. She recognized Donna Howell, a former Director of the Mountain Regional Library, as well as some of the past presidents of the Friends of the Library who were in attendance, Judy Baldwin, Arlene Gray, and Sally Woodworth. She highlighted some ways the Friends of the Union County Library have supported the Library throughout its 25 year existence. Bookmarks and pens commemorating the 25 year anniversary were handed out to Members present.

This meeting of the Friends of the Union County Library was called to order at 12:55 pm.

Minutes from the April 20, 2022 Meeting were accepted with no amendments.

Librarian's Report –

- Susie Brendle, Branch Manager, began her report by announcing that fall programming in the Library would be aimed toward adults, including Beginning Knitting, Bookmark Making, Christmas Card making, and a class scheduled for September on Heritage and Genealogy which will introduce new Microfilm Records and the Microfilm Reader recently placed in the Heritage Room. She acknowledged FOUCL contributions in purchasing Microfilm used. The website will contain more information in the coming weeks on these programs.
- Mrs. Ann, Youth Services Coordinator, spoke of the huge turnout for the Summer Reading Program this summer. She had approximately 230 total registrations and reported that more Adult Registrations occurred this summer. They would plan for more next year. Teens participated well, and they had approximately 180-190 younger readers as participants. She thanked Members for volunteering to help sign people up as well as at special programs and events. Reading lists will be due to be turned in this Friday, July 22, with Awards being presented on Monday, July 25. Changes are planned for Storytimes, which will begin in August. The groups and age ranges for Storytime have gotten really large, and she plans a Baby/Toddler group, “Lap Sit and Little Ones”, whose programs will revolve around rhythm and movement. Siblings are welcome to join. This will occur at 10:15 on Monday mornings. Afterwards, she will transition into “Storytime” for four years plus, and these programs will have a STEM emphasis.

Treasurer's Report -

- Sally Woodworth, Treasurer, presented her report based on “Friends of Union County Library Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison as of June 30, 2022”, “Friends of Union County Library Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison April through June 2022”, and “Friends of Union County Library Profit & Loss Detail April through June 2022”, copies of which are attached to these Minutes and made a part thereof.
- She referred to the “Balance Sheet” highlighting that FOUCL is up again in income, having almost \$50,000 in total equity spread across checking, savings, and three CD accounts. Income received over the last three months includes \$804 from

the Bake Sale and \$32.63 from Amazon Smiles. Expenses over the past three months have included printing expense, as well as the quarterly donation made to the Library and the contribution for microfilm. These were paid out of current income and included funds from the equity balance being held. No questions were presented.

Committees

- Welcome – Katherine Lavery reported that six new members joined FOUCL over the previous three months. They include Patti Young, Kathy Lawrence, Velma Brown, and Daniel, Karen, and Kaitlyn Cassity.
- Newsletter – Connie Rosenberry reported that she hopes to have a Newsletter for August and reminded Susie and Mrs. Ann to submit anything they have on recent Library activities.
- Webmaster – Robert Harford presented graphs summarizing the number of people accessing the Website for the year 2021 as well as the first six months of 2022. May and June, 2022 showed the best results comparable to the best month of 2021 – December. It is assumed that people are interested in the Newsletters posted, as well as the Meeting Minutes put up. Susie Brendle added that FOUCL is often mentioned in both the Library Facebook and Instagram posts. Jackie Volk stated that an article will come out in the Newspaper with pictures of today's event, and she will mention the Website address again so that people will be aware of it to get information about FOUCL.

Old Business

- Jackie Volk again thanked Members who assisted with the Summer Reading Program.
- FOUCL and UCPL co-sponsored a Travel Program on June 7 which went very well. FOUCL will consider a similar event in 2023 with probably a different emphasis. This year's program emphasized "traveling as Mission", as well as RVing. She welcomed suggestions of travel modes that Members would be particularly interested in.
- FOUCL plans a review of its By-laws which will be done by ~~Debra~~ **Debra** Quigley, Sally Woodworth, Judy Baldwin, and Jackie Volk. Recommendations for updates to the By-laws will be presented at the October meeting of FOUCL.
- West Printing printed additional brochures on upgraded paper. This was done at a reasonable cost since FOUCL received 1000 brochures printed on the old paper and 500 printed on the upgraded paper.

New Business

- ~~FOUCL has had someone~~ **New member Debra Quigley** expressed interest in serving as Treasurer at our April meeting. Members are needed to form a Nominating Committee to present a slate of officers at our October meeting. Connie Rosenberry volunteered to serve on the Committee.
- FOUCL and UCPL will co-sponsor a Writer's Open Mic Poetry and Prose program on Thursday, September 15, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Jackie Volk is co-coordinating with Marissa, Assistant Library Branch Manager, on advertising and bringing in Writers. Readings will probably be limited to five minutes with the program limited to 10-12 writers.
- FOUCL Member, Kathy Lawrence, has donated a Dollhouse to be used by FOUCL as a fundraiser. It will be displayed at the Library, and raffle tickets could be sold from October 3rd with the drawing for the winner taking place at the Christmas luncheon on December 7. Jackie suggested that since FOUCL will be at the Library taking donations for the Everything Christmas Sale beginning in October, we could sell raffle tickets at that time. Robert Harford suggested advertising through the website, and Jackie agreed that advertising was a good idea. Sales, however, would have to be a "face to face" transaction. Robert Harford, Connie Rosenberry, and Kathy Lawrence agreed to be on a Committee to figure out logistics. Susie Brendle added that the busy days for patrons and program participants in the library are normally Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays of each week. Jackie added that raffle tickets could also be sold at the Everything Christmas Sale and at the November Bake Sale. Suggestions were made to work with the Chamber of Commerce to put this information on their website as well as work with one of their volunteer "Ambassadors" who wishes to promote the Library. Susie Brendle has contact information.

- The Everything Christmas Sale has been scheduled for November 4 and 5. Jane Manuszak has volunteered to coordinate donations to begin being received the first week in October. Mondays and Wednesdays are best for her.
- Tuesday, November 22, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, is the Bake Sale with baked goods to be delivered Monday, November 21 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Sally Woodworth has agreed to Chair or Co-Chair. Jackie asked for a volunteer to Co-Chair.
- The FOUCL Christmas Luncheon will take place December 7, 2022 at Brasstown Valley Resort.

After no other business was presented, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

The next Membership Meeting will be October 19, 2022, 2:00 PM, in the Union County Public Library Community Room.

Minutes Submitted by Nancy Bryant, Secretary