

**Meeting of the Friends of Union County Library
Union County Public Library Community Room
November 20, 2019**

Friends in Attendance

Jackie Volk, Pres	Debra Davis	Connie Rosenberry
Sally Woodworth, Treas	Rheta Priem	Patrick Malone
Susie Brendle, Librarian	Robert Harford	Helen Harford
Barbara Hale	Sarah Partain	Robin Robbins
Katherine Lavery	Joan Dorogi	Jayne Sentelle
Judy Baldwin	Ashley Bedard	Wanda Gibson

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM. Guests were welcomed

Minutes-- from October meeting were approved as written. It was noted that although the decision in the meeting was to purchase 40 books to give to children attending Story time with Santa, Susie told us that we would only need 25 books.

Treasurer's Report – was submitted by Sally Woodworth. We have 9 new members this quarter. Proceeds from Everything Christmas Sale totaled \$1262.60. \$3,970.00 in membership fees. Following the January renewals, most new members come from events. \$300.00 was given to Susie for fall expenses.

Sally is looking at the total budget to determine the percentage of income that goes directly to the library, besides FERST Readers and administrative costs for ink, paper, postage, etc.

Librarian's Report

- Susie increased her budget request from the Friends by \$500.00 to \$3500.00 for next year, to support an increase in costs for periodicals, newspapers, and Wish List books. Judy Baldwin made a motion to approve the increase. Helen Harford seconded it. All were in favor.
- Story time with Santa will be December 9 at 11:00 AM.
- Speakers and presenters for next summer's Summer Reading Program have already been lined up.
- SRP Theme will be "Imagine Your Story" with a focus on Fantasy.
- There has been a 50% increase in participation and attendance at this year's children's programs.
- FOUCL will contribute \$1000.00 towards the SRP.
- The library will be open Dec. 23 and closed Dec. 24-26. This is a change in what has been advertised.

Special Guest—Patrick Malone 2020 Census

Mr. Malone explained the purpose for the formation Complete County Committees. He is the representative for the CCC in Union and Towns Counties. He gave an overview of the procedure for collecting Census Data and how the library will be part of the process. Following his presentation, he responded to Q and A.

Committee Reports

Welcome—Judy Baldwin is looking for someone to take over this committee that she led this year.

Newsletter—Connie Rosenberry The 4th quarter newsletter was distributed last week.

Webmaster—Robert Harford There have been hundreds of visits to our webpage.

Everything Christmas Sale—Jackie Volk and Judy Baldwin will file a wrap up report with these minutes. Even with the rain on Thursday night, we had good sales.

Bake Sale—Sally Woodworth Telephone lists have been handed out. Sign up to volunteer available online and at the meeting. Most volunteer positions have been filled in. Wanda will provide tablecloths. Setup is Monday, Nov. 25 from 2-5PM. Sale is Tuesday, Nov. 26 from 10:00-2:00.

Old Business

National Friends of Libraries Week, October 20-26, 2019 FOUCL members were on hand for an hour on Thursday, October 24 handing out mini cupcakes to patrons.

New Business

Election of 2020 Officers—Judy Baldwin Slate of officers were presented and voted on. Full slate was approved. 2020 Officers are: President, Jackie Volk; Secretary, Nancy Bryant; Treasurer, Sally Woodworth. The Vice President position is vacant. Thank you to all Board members for their willingness to serve. A special thank you to Evelyn Lamar, retiring Secretary after 6 years of service.

Christmas Luncheon—Thursday, December 5, 2019 at Brasstown Valley Resort at 11:30. Musical Entertainment by Sharp Memorial UMC vocal group, the Sharp Tones, and their hand chime choir. Buffet lunch immediately follows entertainment. Price is \$14.50 per person, and includes meal, beverage, tax and gratuity. RSVP to Sally so she can make nametags. Guests should bring an unwrapped book to exchange.

Membership Renewal Letters go out in January, probably the 2nd week. Connie Rosenberry, Barbara Hale, and Joan Dorogi volunteered to help with the process. Thanks to Jane Manuszak for gifting the postage.

Bookmarks will be handed out at the Bake Sale, inviting members and guests to the holiday luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15

The next quarterly membership meeting will be held January 15, 2020 at 2 PM in the Union County Public Library Community Room. All members are welcome.

Submitted by Connie Rosenberry, filling in for Evelyn Lamar