

Meeting of Friends of the Union County Library

November 17, 2021

Friends in Attendance Jackie Volk, President Nancy Bryant, Secretary Sally Woodworth, Treasurer

Robert Harford Katherine Lavery Susie Brendle, Librarian Judy Baldwin

Heath Lee, MRLS Director

The Meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Jackie Volk, President.

Jackie Volk asked if sending the Minutes ahead of the meeting to all Members, via email, would be preferable to having copies of the Minutes available at the beginning of each meeting to those Members in attendance. Robert Harford suggested uploading the minutes to the Website with a link directly to current Minutes. Members would be notified of their availability via email.

The Minutes from the October 20, 2021 Meeting were approved and accepted with Motion by Judy Baldwin and Second by Katherine Lavery.

Business

- Election of Officers – The nominated slate of FOUCL Officers for 2022 are: President - Jackie Volk, Vice President -vacant, Secretary - Nancy Bryant, and Treasurer - Sally Woodworth. These were voted on as a slate with Members present voting unanimously to approve the nominated slate of officers.
- Mailing of 2022 Membership Forms – After asking for volunteers to help with mail-out of Membership Forms for 2022, Katherine Lavery, Judy Baldwin, Nancy Bryant, Sally Woodworth volunteered to assist. An early January email from Jackie will be sent out with suggested dates and times to meet in the Library Community Room.
- Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Board Training – Jackie reported on taking online training which was geared primarily toward organizations with large, structured Boards. (FOUCL's Bylaws specify Officers, not a Board). Jackie specifically addressed the presenter of the training for ideas and suggestions for recruiting persons to FOUCL to support succession of leadership. The presenter suggested recruiting by approaching the Chamber for names of local companies, colleges, teachers, and/or professors who might be given time off from work/study to be involved with our organization. Jackie was asked by the presenter if FOUCL gave members (who are not Officers) opportunities for involvement in leadership through fundraising projects, etc., and Jackie indicated that those opportunities were available and that there was no problem getting leadership in those capacities. The immediate challenge for FOUCL is to recruit someone as Vice President who would be willing to be mentored by the President. That person would be ready to assume the Presidency at a future time. The Presenter also suggested networking in groups that members of FOUCL are already involved in to seek out persons who might be recruited to our organization and willing to be involved in leadership roles. However, Jackie pointed out that attracting more members will not necessarily solve the problem of people who would be willing to serve as leadership within FOUCL. Heath Lee suggested a change of meeting time to accommodate working individuals.

Treasurer's Report –

- Sally Woodworth reported that \$125 was expended in October for Chamber of Commerce dues.
- \$300 was donated to the Union County Library, and Susie Brendle, Librarian, added that these funds were used to order 2nd tier and wish list books.
- \$535 in Bakeless Bake Sale donations have been received through November 17, and these donations will be directed to the Union County Library and used to purchase children's and juvenile books. Donations for the Bakeless Bake Sale will continue to be accepted during the month of November.

Librarian's Report -

- Susie Brendle, said that Mrs. Ann had the first Lego Club meeting since the winter of 2020, with each child being provided an individual bag of Legos to work with at their own table.
- Mrs. Ann plans her "Reindeer" Storytime on Monday, December 13, and the book *Dasher: How a Brave Little Doe Changed Christmas Forever*, donated by FOUCL, will be distributed to participants at that time. One copy of "Dasher" and *When Santa was a Baby* have been sent for cataloging.
- Mrs. Ann is planning a Juvenile Book Club beginning in January, 2022. This will focus on a specific juvenile author, and attendees will be encouraged to read one book by the featured author. January's author will be Cam Jansen.
- A Libby Class will be offered on December 15 at 11:00 a.m., facilitated by Ms Heather. Persons interested in attending may sign up at the Front Desk in the Library.
- Mrs. Ann plans a "Board Game" day for children and adults in February, 2022. The Library will be collecting donations of Board Games toward this purpose.

FOUCL received a "thank you" from Heath Lee, Director of the Mountain Regional Library System, for their work in supporting our local libraries.

Committee Reports

- Membership - Katherine Lavery reports that two new members have joined FOUCL within the last two- week period. These new members are Evelyn Morris and Ruth Thomas.

After no other business was presented, the Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Union County Public Library will take place on January 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by Nancy Bryant, Secretary