

FRIENDS OF THE PAMLICO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 28th, 2023 MINUTES

Attendees: Joanie Aubele, Rich Bartz, Bonnie Cap, Marian and Per Erichsen, Sally Farrell, Ned Ferris, Mary Hiatt, Marilyn Hollingsworth, Dawn and Walter Hoyle, Katherine Hudson, Joan Johnen, Cheryl and Warren Knudsen, Rod Lee, Sidney Phibbons, Katherine Reardon, Mary Scott. Venue: Heartworks. Desserts and beverages were provided.

Bonnie called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm. An abbreviated meeting took place as the focus of this meeting is on the "Chat With the Author" series for this year.

Rich presented financial and logistical updates on the new Public Library and Community Center. He mentioned the fact that plans had been redrawn to simplify the structure to keep it within a reasonable budget. A meeting with contractors interested in the project would be scheduled followed by bid acceptance and review. The construction contract would then be awarded after a 30-45 day review by the Architectural group and the Project Oversight Group.

Rich then briefly reviewed the budget. He noted that the large state grants have been placed in interest-bearing accounts which will yield a substantial return.

Sidney reported on the ongoing programs at the library. She requested help serving popcorn at the Family Movie Night on Oct. 20th. The Trunk or Treat event is in the planning stages. The FOL will provide candy for both the children's and the high school students' library trick-or-treating.

Mary reported on an extensive list of upcoming events that will require volunteers to accomplish. They include:

- Old Front Porch Music Festival food booth with donations from Yawl's Cafe
- Classic Car Show Book/Techmobile and Friends displays
- Family Movie Night
- Witches Crawl – short announcements about library programs and the new library fund at each dance
- FOL's Book Sale on Nov. 4th, 9:00-4:00 at the annex trailer. A members' sneak preview, *sip and search* will be held the evening before from 4:00-6:00.

Heather Cobham was then introduced. She presented a fascinating program highlighting her writing experience, character development, research and other aspects of creating her well-received books. She held a Q and A with several audience members asking focused question. It was a well-received presentation with everyone remaining to mingle