



FRIENDS OF THE PAMLICO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
May 16, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Jessie Aldridge, Deb Aronson, Carolyn Bartz, Rich Bartz, Bonnie Cap, Peggi Carman, Jennie DeStefano, Mary Hiatt, Izzy Keppner, Sidney Phibbons

1. Call to Order: Bonnie called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes for Nov and March were emailed to all members. Motion to accept: Mary Hiatt, second: Rich Bartz. Members unanimously voted to accept minutes.
3. Committee Reports:
  - a. Scholarship: Awarded this year's scholarship to Neil Landon. Jennie will present the scholarship at the High School's Award ceremony on May 28 at 6PM at the PCHS auditorium. Jennie presenting.
  - b. Library Update: Progress is ongoing. The kitchen equipment has been removed. Notes from the meetings with the contractor and FOL are published to our website. Work is on schedule. Rich presenting.
  - c. Treasurer: Monthly book sales are doing well and have shown an increase in community engagement. Rich put a new lock on the Conex. Audit required while we hold more than \$500,000 in a calendar year is ongoing. By June, FOL should have enough money to cover all costs associated with contracted work on the new library. Moving expenses and such have not been obligated. Rich presenting
  - d. Fundraising: Harold H Bate Foundation grant application/letter of intent to apply has been submitted. Committee is working to fund any items the committee did not include in the contracted work. Shelia Cantine, Peg Vick, and Izzy Keppner continue to work on a grant application to Coke Consolidated to cover costs of digital sign. Committee will be working on a letter campaign to local businesses. Izzy Keppner presenting.
  - e. Membership: Peggi Carman demonstrated the new FOL website separate from the CPRL website. The new site is live.
4. Library News

- a. Sidney presented a slideshow with pictures she received of FOL events.
  - b. the Wild Pamlico Nature Series continues this month with a "Frog Talk", a Bee Keeping presentation on 5/18, and a squid dissection event for anyone 5<sup>th</sup> grade or older. Space is limited to 15 attendees.
  - c. 2024 Summer Reading Program, "Adventures in your Library", runs 6/1 – 7/31. Registration opens 5/20.
  - d. Every Monday, the NC Cooperative Extension will host "Book explorers".
  - e. An Adventure book club will be offered to all ages. June's book is Hatchet.
  - f. This summer the Oriental dragooners will hold a parade including their dragon and drummers.
  - g. Circulation at the Pamlico Library has seen a reduction of 20%. This is most likely as consequence of New Bern library's renovations.
  - h. Ms Fran's books and babies program for families with a 0-2 year old is thriving.
  - i. Sidney presenting.
5. BTW: Next book sale is June 8. Mary is seeking a food truck at the sale.
  6. **Next Meeting: Sept 19th at 4PM**
  7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Bonnie at 5:19PM.