



FRIENDS OF THE PAMLICO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
April 20th, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Jessie Aldridge, Deb Aronson, Rich Bartz, Shelia Cantine, Bonnie Cap, Kat Clowers, Jennie DeStefano, Mary Hiatt, Izzy Keppner, Sidney Phibbons, Peg Vick.

1. Call to Order: Bonnie called the meeting to order at 4:20 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: January meeting minutes emailed to all members. Minutes were approved with no corrections. Motion to accept: Peg Vick, second: Mary Hiatt. Members unanimously voted to accept minutes.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Treasurer: The Book Sale at the Boat Show brought in \$700. The funding stream from the Vanguard account brought in \$8,000 in dividends in March. FOL has roughly \$175,000 between the First Citizens account and the Vanguard Building Fund. Rich presenting
 - b. Membership: 69 members renewed this year. Bonnie presenting.
 - c. Social: Committee needs a Chairperson or a volunteer to help with Event Coordination for things like the upcoming staff luncheon and Halloween Truck or Treat. Jessie Aldridge volunteered. Bonnie presenting
 - d. Communications/Marketing: FOL will begin our mail campaign shortly. Peg presenting
4. Library News
 - a. The Book/Tech Mobile events in Oriental are going well
 - b. Adult programming is increasing. Chair Yoga is now offered twice a month on Wednesday at 10AM. Sidney presenting
 - c. All budgets have been submitted to the appropriate counties. A meeting with the Pamlico Commissioners is planned at the Hollowell Library located at Heartworks to discuss the budget.
 - d. A grand opening celebration is being planned for the Hollowell Library at Heartworks to include State Library personnel and local politicians.
 - e. Between Craven and Pamlico counties, over 4,000 individuals are using the library. Circulation of print material and use of

electronic resources are up. There are 395 hot spots and 150 laptops with wi-fi. The library has submitted a grant for \$300,000 to maintain these programs. Kat presenting.

5. Ongoing Business
 - a. There are three good candidates for the Scholarship. Interviews are scheduled for Monday, 4/24, and Tuesday, 4/25.
6. Fundraising
 - a. The Stallings House fundraiser is set for June 2nd. Jim Kellenberger will be providing food. The music is confirmed. A lot of volunteers will be needed at this event. Invitations to go out in next 2-3 weeks.
 - b. The FOL will be assisting in a Book Launch at the Oriental Women's Club House on June 22nd from 4-6pm. Deb Aronson and Mary Scott are hosting a joint book launch and agreed to donate the net proceeds from the event to the FOL. Advertising to begin soon. We still need silent auction items, experiences or services as well as physical items. Please share with any Book Clubs, Red Hat Lady groups, church groups, etc.
 - c. The Groundbreaking Celebration will need a coordinator. Date is still to be determined.
 - d. The Ol Front Porch Music Festival will be Oct 6 and 7. The organizers have determined a rain location for food stalls, so FOL should be able to participate if Yawl's agrees to donate food again this year. The committee decided to only attend on Saturday.
7. New Business
 - a. The committee chose not to hold a book sale at the Rotary Car Show, but FOL will reach out about having the Book/Tech Mobile attend instead.
8. **Next Meeting: Sept 28th at 4PM**
9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Bonnie at 5:15PM.