

Friends of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library Board Meeting-April 19, 2018
Minutes

Present: Ted Magilley, David Plunkett, Pater Manno, Tom Whitlock, Peter McIntosh, Tony Townsend, Melissa Dickens, Libby Carpenter, Tim Tolson, Sharon Heyka, Nancy Damon, Zac Tolson **Absent:** Fran Feigert, Lisa Millett, Karyn Trumbell

Tony Townsend called the meeting to order. There were no comments from guests

Minutes: Tim Tolson moved approval of the January minutes, Sharon Heyka seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Peter McIntosh gave a detailed treasurer's report:

-There are no more payments being made to the Crozet Library.

-We overspent on the storage container by \$400 during the whole year. We needed more space because we could not get sorted all the books which were donated.

The Friends did hire Bill Davis to help sort books, at 8 hours a week, \$15/hour through June. There was a discussion of whether to use money to continue doing this, or to use the money for programming. It moved seconded and approved that Bill continued to be hired at this level, as it was felt that the amount of work he can do will be more than made up by the number of books which can be sorted and sold.

Books Behind Bars: Ted Magilley noted that books are "flying off the shelves." There will be a report at the September (first year anniversary of the Friends undertaking the program) on how many have been shipped, the costs, reimbursement to the Friends, etc. The Friends still need to collect \$8000 from the current benefactors who underwrite the program.

Laundromat Library Proposal: Patricia E. Dogil made a proposal for a program started by the Poughkeepsie, NY chapter of the American Association of University Women, "Laundromat Libraries." The goal is to enhance literacy and provide books to children who may have limited access to books at home. Volunteers will supply children's books to several local Laundromats, so that children can read and take home books.

The plan includes: 1) form a committee of volunteers, 2) select and solicit Landromat support, 3) recruit volunteers who will select, pick up and deliver books to the Laundromats monthly.

Supplies needed: books, storage crates and laminated posters.

Peter Manno noted that the library sale has enough children's books to support such a program. The program was discussed. It was moved by Nancy Damon and seconded by Sharon Heyka that the Friends are willing to try out this program.

Contact for Patricia Dogil: pedogi@gmail.com 434-284-8090

Mini-Sales: There will be a How-to Book sale on May 5th, and summer reading kick-offs at various branches of the library. To be involved contact melissadickens@gmail.com

JMRL Director's Report: David Plunkett reported that the Library Foundation has received a bequest of almost \$1,000,000 from the estate of Nancy H. Swygert, a faithful patron of the library. David also thanked everyone for all their help in getting the Gordon Avenue Library ready for renovations. The

Library used a book of Nathan Englander's short stories. He also spoke at the Virginia Festival of the Book. The activities were well received.

Book Sale Director's Report: Peter Manno noted that the spring sale was very successful, taking in \$105,500, including \$28,000 in bulk sales and \$5,500 in rare book sales. There was earlier in the meeting a discussion of continuing to hire Bill Davis for 8 hours a week to sort books. Dates for the Fall Sale are Saturday, November 3-Sunday, November 11, 2018.

Central Library Renovation Initiative: There is a long-term plan to work renovation of the Central Library into the city and county's Capital Improvements Plan. Tony Townsend, Anne Henenway and Peter McIntosh are working on how to go about persuading the localities to place these renovations in the CIP.

Nominating Committee Appointments: Ted Magilley and Nancy Damon agreed to serve as the nominating committee to locate new members for the Friends Board.

There will be a Volunteer Appreciation Day on Tuesday, June 12, 4:30-6:30 at the Gordon Avenue Library.

Sharon Heyka will do the Talbot's project again.

There is need for volunteers to help with Fridays After Five on June 1 and August 24.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 21, 5:30 p.m. at Gordon Avenue Library

Respectfully submitted (with a lot of help from Peter McIntosh),
Nancy Damon