

**Friends of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library**  
**Thursday, April 21, 2022**  
**5:30 pm**

**Attendance:** Proal Heartwell, David Plunkett, Nancy Damon, Peter McIntosh, Pat Dogil Peter Manno, Bill Schrader, Ted Magilley, Ashely Schneider, Wendy Craig.  
Special guest Meredith Dickens, JMRL

**Call to Order:** Proal Heartwell called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the January 2022 were approved.

**JMRL Staff Presentation:** Meredith Dickens

Meredith defined and introduced the JMRL's e-library resources with special emphasis on eBooks and the access tools and platforms. Discussion of the popularity, usage, cost, and comparison to print resources.

**Treasurer's Report:** Peter McIntosh, Treasurer, made the following comments on the report emailed to all members for review and attached to April's minutes.

Friends continue to be financially sound. The Friends continue to raise funds as usual, but because of the pandemic protocols over the last months, programming expenditures have decreased. We can expect that to change as the library resumes normal operations.

Figures will remain positive with money held in reserve.

BBB expenses remain lower than in the past. Questions regarding the drop in requests will have to be monitored post pandemic to determine the cause.

Peter McIntosh, treasurer, requested changes to the current Friends banking accounts.

He proposed that the board authorize the closure of the original Wells Fargo account and the opening of a new account at the Pantops Branch of the Wells Fargo bank in Charlottesville.

He also requested the authorization to open a new account with Ally Bank of Charlottesville to facilitate the Friends allocation of funds to individual library branch managers. Record keeping and expenditures will be maintained through JMRL.

Resolutions for both requests were submitted and approved by the board.

**Book Sale Director's Report: Peter Manno:**

Peter reiterated the success of the recent book sale and thanked everyone for their support.

Discussion of glitches at members' night. Successful sales, but confusion over purchasing limits. Need to consider this and determine a policy before the next sale.

Peter confirmed he was receiving help with the Amazon sales.

With help from Frank D. Peter has established a workable member database but will be exploring expanding the tools with the Center for Nonprofit Excellence.

Announcements-

Fall book sale date: Oct. 16-24, 2022.

Volunteering for Fridays After Five. TBD. Peter will send schedule.

**JMRL Director's Report: David Plunkett:**

David thanked Peter for his hard work on the book sale and all the Friends for their support. He reminded the board that requests would be coming in July.

One addition will be the purchase exterior hold lockers to expand hours and services at participating branches.

He thanked the Friends for the successful story walk at the Nelson library in partnership with Rockfish Valley.

He invited the board to the dedication of the Swanson Case historical marker on May 19 at 2:00 pm at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Market streets.

**Old Business:**

Reminder for the nominating committee that Liza will be rotating off and new volunteers needed.

Proal thanked Peter and Nancy for representing the Friends at the Same Page event.

David reported that there was no news on the renovation project.

**New Business:**

How To Festival – May 14

Ashely asked if the NAACP was informed of the commemoration ceremony. David confirmed.

Suggestions to consider more publicity for the book sale – ask Jane for author suggestions to host a “ribbon-cutting” at the sale.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.