

Minutes for the Jefferson-Madison Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

In attendance: Bill Schrader, Ted Magilley, Peter McIntosh, Peter Manno, David Plunkett, Nancy Damon, Pat Dogill, Stephanie Commander, and Marty Topel.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Schrader, in the absence of President Proal Heartwell. The minutes of the January 2023 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Peter McIntosh gave his usual clear and detailed Treasurer's Report.

Book Sale Director's Report: Peter Manno reported that the April Book Sale was the most successful ever. The Member's night had the most sales and that Easter weekend did not seem to matter. The next sale will be October 7-15.

Peter Manno also noted that the Friends have signed up to work at Fridays After Five on June 9 and on September 8. We will need to recruit volunteers for that.

JMRL Director's Report: David Plunkett reported that "the Same Page" event, held during the Virginia Festival of the Book was extremely well-attended, with 205 people in person and 148 online.

The Summer reading program will begin as schools close.

Computer Privacy Pods are being used in Louisa, Greene, and Crozet by patrons for job interviews and telemedicine.

The Friends have helped with "Poem in your Pocket" scrolls for National Poetry Month.

Old Business: A new truck is needed for JMRL. A motion passed to authorize Proal to sign an MOU for the use of a JMRL truck. There are issues with the HVAC in the Albemarle Square location. Also, the lease for the building needs to be negotiated. We will ask for a 12-month lease, but we need to work on possible alternatives to the space, as it is possible that Dumbarton will find a permanent renter.

New Business: Peter McIntosh is resigning after decades of service. He is working with Ted Magilley on becoming Treasurer. It is also thought that we need a Book Sale Liaison position from the Friends Board. This new position will require an amendment to our by-laws. We can also do more publicity for the sale.

Pat Dogill reported that the Laundromat Libraries are now up to 8 laundromats. People love it. Non-native English speakers particularly appreciate the possibility of getting books for their children.

Nominating Committee: Pat Dogill, Nancy Damon, and Deborah Willenborg will serve as the nominating committee. Nancy Damon's terms are up.

Bill Schrader and David Plunkett praised Peter McIntosh for his years of service.

The next Board Meeting is on June 22, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned.