Friends of JMRL - Meeting Minutes - January 19, 2017

Attendance: Karyn Trumbull, Nancy Damon, Libby Carpenter, Zach Tolson, John Halliday, Tony Townsend, Liza Millet, Tim Tolson, Ted Magilley, Peter Manno, Melissa Dickens, Peter McIntosh, Anne Hemenway
Absent: Fran Feigert, Sharon Heyka, Tom Whitlock, Krista Farrell, Jane Kulow

1. Tony Townsend called the meeting to order at 5:30. There were no guest comments
2. September minutes were reviewed, Melissa Dickens moved to approve them, Libby Carpenter seconded and all approved
3. Treasurer’s report: a correction was noted on the Treasurer’s report presented which will be edited. Payroll expenses are ahead of budgeted but this was decided as the need arose. Peter reminded us that we donated 100,000 for the book mobile and 75000 to Crozet for books. Peter recommended that we keep the brokerage account open and rename it Friends of the Library for JMRL so that we can accept donations that require an account of this sort. All agreed
4. Book Sale Director’s report: The book sale went very well even if it fell slightly short of the record sale. We are preparing for the spring sale. The library passed out $2 coupons for children that came in their costumes and we honored 75 of them. This was very successful. He is considering and is very likely to stop selling VHS and cassettes. He is also leaning towards having the educator bag day in fall and spring. Spring sale will be April 1-9 and members only day will be March 31. There was a discussion about parking challenges during the sale. It is an ongoing issue and options will be considered but no solution was presented at this time.
5. JMRL Director’s Report: The new book mobile is expected in February or March. John presented a thank you letter from the Rafiki village in Ghana for the books we sent to them. The “Big Read” kicks off in Louisa County this year. The daughter of Catherine Johnson is coming to speak at the event which is Feb 25th. The book this year is Silver Sparrow by Tayari Jones. The half year stats show over 45,000 people have attended programs at the library which are funded by the Friends.
6. Book Behind Bars: We are putting out 600+ books/month to about 35 institutions. Ted reported that requests are increasing. We will begin trying to seek out some of the obscure books that are requested that we are unable to offer.
7. Old Business: clarifying board terms and executive terms - Bylaws change. We reviewed the existing members of each office and their terms. On the attached documents the changes noted in green were proposed to be made a part of the bylaws. Nancy Damon moved that we approve the revisions as written. Tony Townsend seconded and all approved. Tim Tolson, Nancy Damon, and Libby Carpenter were appointed to be on the nominating committee to bring nominations to the meeting in April.
8. New Business: Anne Hemenway asked if there will be a volunteers reception this year and a date was set for April 18
9. Tim Tolson moved that we make a donation in honor of Charity Haines for her work for this organization. Karyn Trumbull seconded, all approved.
10. The next meeting will be April 20, 2017
11. Tim Tolson moved to adjorn, Anne Hemmenway seconded, all approved. Meeting was adjorned at 6:45.