

Friends of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library Minutes

Thursday, January 16, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

In attendance: Bill Schrader, Ted Magilley, Peter McIntosh, Peter Manno, David Plunkett, Wendy Craig, Pat Dogill, Stephanie Commander, Lynne Fleming, Proal Heartwell, Jane Kulow, Marty Topel and Austin Connor.

The meeting was called to order by Wendy Craig. The minutes of the September 2024 meeting were not available for approval.

Treasurer's Report: Ted Magilley presented the budget prepared for him by Lisa ?. The bottom line is that we're doing fine and are in the black. In May 2025 will move money into the Wells Fargo Money Market. At this time Redlight and John Grisham have not been asked for Books Behind Bars Contribution. Jhon Grisham is a regular, but Redlight is not. Ted will look into how to proceed with Redlight. There will be a transfer of \$9,000 to Books Behind Bars. Work will start on FY 2026 Budget.

Book Sale Director's Report: Peter Manno reported that the Fall 2024 Book Sale went well, and bulk sales were up a bit. The members' night was big and went smoother this year. Suggestion made about parking and signs being made. Peter will check with the landlord regarding issue with parking and they want professional signage. Very pleased with the Amazon sales, There were 685 sales for over \$20,000. Vinyl records come in regularly from samples sent to radio stations and from donations. There are a lot of DVDs and CDs being donated as well. Looking at nudging up prices in certain categories such as children and collectables. A question was raised about insurance such as special event insurance. This will be checked on to see if needed. A discussion was held on the issue of scanning and how it should be done. It was decided that Wendy, Jack and Peter would look in to developing a policy for scanning. The next Book Sale will be April 4-14, 2025.

JMRL Director's Report: David Plunkett thanked the FOTL for Donation for the Same Page Event to be held March, 2025. Earl Smith, author of Chesapeake Requiem, a Festival of the Book, participant. A 2nd locker has been added at the Gordon Avenue Library. The Book Letter email server used by the library went under. Wowberry (?) is now the new email server for the library.

"Poem in your Pocket" scrolls will be made for National Poetry Month with date of April 24, 2025.

Old Business:

Sales Facility – No update. Some people came in to look at the building today and were enthusiastic about it.

Mission Statement Workshop – Will be held on January 23, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Gordon Avenue Library.

Membership Committee – Discussion about long term and short-term goals to include a Membership Administrator (Member or volunteer). Lyn offered to help and may have another person to assist. Motion made by ? and second by Ted to allocate \$1,000 for membership promotional items to be explored. Meeting dates are to be determined, and volunteers are welcome.

Compliance with FLSA – The Fair Labor Standards Act has been complied with per Peter McIntosh. There was a lengthy discussion about this act and how it applies to employees of FOTL, ie Peter and Austin. Several motions were made and failed. Peter moved and Jane second that the board continue the current practice for compensation until after the Spring Book Sale

New Business:

Volunteer Appreciation Event – Will revisit this for next year.

Nominating Committee: Continued to April Meeting

The next Board Meeting is on April 18, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.