

**Friends of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library**  
**Thursday, June 16, 2022**  
**5:30 pm**

**Attendance:** Stephanie Commander, Nancy Damon, Pat Dogil, Proal Heartwell, Ted Magilley, Grier McCain, Peter McIntosh, Liza Millett, Ashely Schneider, Bill Schrader, Deborah Willenborg, David Plunkett, Peter Manno

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes from the April 2022 meeting were approved.

**JMRL Staff Presentation:** Brittany Eversberg

Brittany provided the Board with an overview of the JMRL delivery department and how it works in conjunction with the Friends and Book Sale Director, Peter Manno.

**Treasurer's Report:** Peter McIntosh, Treasurer, presented the Board a proposed budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. This budget reflects a favorable income vs. expense situation. Peter projects income of approximately \$240,000 from the two book sales, and he reported that the Friends had received an \$8,000 in-kind gift certificate to New Dominion Book Shop to help fulfill orders for Books Behind Bars. On the expense side, Peter noted an increase in employee compensation and a projected increased disbursement to meet JMRL's annual requests. After discussion, the budget was adopted.

Peter proposed opening an interest-bearing account (in Ally bank) to hold surplus funds not needed for current expenses. He will provide the details and ask for Board approval at the September meeting. Also, each branch of JMRL was to receive a debit card on July 1 to eliminate the burden of staff reimbursements. David Plunkett thanked Peter for his efforts on this initiative.

**Presentation from the Nominating Committee:** Pat Dogil presented the Board with a slate of Friends of the Library officers and names of Board members eligible for additional terms. This slate was unanimously approved. The Board elected Martha (Marty) Topel as a new member and thanked outgoing Board member Liza Millett for her years of service.

**Book Sale Director's Report:** Peter Manno reported that Friends volunteers had successfully staffed a recent Fridays After Five, thus raising a few hundred dollars for the organization. He noted that book donations remained steady and that the Fall Sale is scheduled for October 15 – 23. Members' Night will be October 14, and the buying limit will be raised to \$75 for a single membership, \$150 for a family with two or more adults.

**JMRL Director's Report:** David Plunkett addressed the debate regarding a potential name change for the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library. JMRL has formed a working group to explore this issue. David also noted that the JMRL has no legal standing to affect a name change; such an action would require approval from the governing jurisdictions that make up the regional system.

David also reported on the successful kickoff to the Library summer reading challenge. He commented that JMRL will receive a significant increase in state funding for fiscal year 2022-2023.

In other news, David informed the Board about the safe removal of a family of skunks from Gordon Avenue Library, and he provided details of the unveiling at Central Library of the state historic marker commemorating the case of Swanson vs. University of Virginia.

**Old Business:** Proal thanked Liza Millett and former Board member Melissa Dickens for staffing the “How To” event at Central Library.

**New Business:** Proal announced that he and Ashely Schneider, with help from Peter Manno, plan to distribute an electronic Friends newsletter during the summer.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

## **FRIENDS OF JEFFERSON-MADISON REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD**

### **RESOLUTION ON ALLY BANK ACCOUNT      SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

BE IT RESOLVED ON THIS THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022, THE BOARD OF THE FRIENDS OF THE JEFFERSON-MADISON REGIONAL LIBRARY (FRIENDS), HEREBY AUTHORIZES PETER MCINTOSH, THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD, AND THE KEY EXECUTIVE IN CONTROL, TO OPEN AN INTEREST-BEARING BANK ACCOUNT WITH ALLY BANK FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEPOSITING FRIENDS’ FUNDS IN EXCESS OF THOSE NEEDED FOR ONGOING EXPENSES.

UNTIL FURTHER ACTION BY THE BOARD, THE TREASURER SHALL BE THE ONLY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CHECKS, TRANSFER FUNDS ON-LINE, OPEN OTHER ACCOUNTS, OR OTHERWISE CONDUCT FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS IN THE NAME OF THE FRIENDS WITH ALLY BANK.

SIGNED THIS THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022 BY PROAL HEARTWELL, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.

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