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Friends of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library Minutes

June 17, 2025

5:30 pm Gordon Avenue Library

Attendance: Wendy Craig, Pat Dogil, Lynne Fleming, Proal Heartwell, Jane Kulow, Ted Magilley, Ashely Schneider, Bill Schrader, Marty Topel

Ex Officio: David Plunkett (JMRL Director), Peter Manno (Book Sale Manager)

Call to order: Wendy Craig called the meeting to order. Jane Kulow suggested a revision to the May 6, 2025 Zoom meeting minutes, revision was accepted and minutes were approved.

President's Report: Wendy Craig thanked Pat Dogil and Mary Topel for representing FOTL at the June 7, 2025 launch of Summer Reading Program at JMRL's Central Library.

Nominating Committee Report: Jane Kulow reported that all of the current FOTL Officers have agreed to serve another term. The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2025-2026:

President – Wendy Craig
Vice President – Bill Schrader
Treasurer – Ted Magilley
Sales Director – Peter McIntosh
Secretary – Stephanie Commander

Proal made a motion to approve proposed slate of Officers. Motion was seconded by Pat and passed unanimously.

Jane Kulow stated that current FOTL Board member Jack Hanrahan will not seek renewal of his term on the FOTL Board. The Nominating Committee recommends that the terms of returning Board members Wendy Craig, Bill Schrader, Ted Magilley, Peter McIntosh and Stephanie Commander be renewed. The Nominating Committee recommends for approval two new Board members: Joumana Altallal and Audrey Parks.

Ashley made a motion to approve renewal of terms of returning Board members and two new Board members. Motion was seconded by Bill and passed unanimously.

Book Sale Manager's Report: Relationship with Albemarle Square property owner Dumbarton is minimal but positive. Bill for repair of plumbing in bathrooms at Albemarle Square was \$750. Volunteers staffed the June 6, 2025 Fridays After 5 ID checks and will staff the beer truck on September 5. The Gordon Avenue book collection site is participating in the JMRL cross-training which has gone well.

JMRL Director's Report: David Plunkett stated that the JMRL cross-training program has resulted in positive feedback for Peter Manno and others at the Gordon Avenue book collection site. David thanked FOTL for what has been, so far, the most successful summer reading

program for JMRL. The number of children participating is almost double the number from the previous year. This year, JMRL engaged in more publicity, including social media, for the summer program. Resources for the summer programs, including equipment, art, supplies use more of the FOTL funding than any other program. David will contact Ted Magilley to schedule a meeting of the funds advisory group.

Jane will continue to represent JMRL on the regional funds advisory group. The cost of remodeling of Central Library will likely exceed the 2020 estimate. The estimate cost will include relocation of staff services, providing space for operational resources such as receiving purchased books, truck access, etc. David is investigating the old State Farm building on Pantops but will also need a “storefront” in the downtown area for children’s services. David is also considering the space in the basement of the Crozet library and will coordinate this planning with Bill Schrader.

David noted that the Virginia State Library is working on a FOTL Guidebook.

Treasurer’s Report: Ted Magilley presented the FY 2026 budget which was sent to Board members before the meeting. Bill Schrader asked if Book Mobile funding was adequate and David commented that it was. Ted was asked to provide additional details about insurance coverage. Ted stated that, because of previous requests of the Board, he provided explanations for line items. Pat Dogil asked if FOTL was in a solid financial position and Ted responded that there is adequate funding to support FOTL’s mission.

Jane Kulow moved approval of the Budget . Motion was seconded by Bill and passed unanimously.

New business: No new business was discussed.

Announcements: The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.