

Friends of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library Minutes
Thursday, September 15, 2022
5:30 pm

Attendance: Proal Heartwell, David Plunkett, Peter McIntosh, Pat Dogil, Marc Boston, Peter Manno, Ted Magilley, Ashely Schneider, Wendy Craig, and Stephanie Commander. Special guest, Tim Carrier, Young Adult Services Manager JMRL

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the June 2022 were approved.

JMRL Staff Presentation: Tim Carrier presented and explained the purpose, mechanics, and benefits of the new program, Beanstalk. Tim endorsed its early, anticipated success, and highlighted the adaptability of the new resource to JMRL's modifications, and the program's ability to track and improve reading engagement,

Treasurer's Report: Peter McIntosh, Treasurer, summarized the 2022-23 budget report emailed to all members for review with comments on the following:

1. Debit Card System: The funds for Branch Discretionary (+/- \$ 37,000) have been transferred to the new WF account and 8 of 13 cards are in staff hands and ready to use. The "re-sign up" process for an additional 4 and the replacement for one lost in transit is now underway. The Board approved the proposal to set up the new WF account
2. Creation of Interest Bearing Account: The Friends have enough cash not needed for current expenses to deposit in a bank like Ally between \$ 150,000 to \$ 175,000 to draw interest at current levels of above 2.5%, On-line transfers would be available monthly at no cost to retain sufficient funds in our Wells Fargo checking account for current expenses.
3. New Tax Preparation Firm: Peter announced that the CPA at the law firm that has prepared out 990 tax return each year will be retiring and the need to select a new CPA or firm to provide these services beginning as of July 1, 2023.
4. HVAC Services Contract: Peter will investigate contracting with a firm/service for regular AC system maintenance as required by landlord at book sale location.
5. Purchase/Lease of Box Truck: Peter recommended that the Board consider purchasing a box truck for the increasing needs of the Friends book sale transport. Peter Manno is compiling an estimate on the operating costs - gas/oil, maintenance, repairs. Discussion continued on the possibilities and funding for the purchase or lease.

Book Sale Director's Report: Peter Manno: Peter reminded the Board that Members Night would be held on Oct. 14th and that the purchase limit would be raised to \$75.00
Also, he reminded the Board of volunteer opportunities at Fridays After Five that he was organizing.
Noted that Oct. 16-22, 2022 National Friends of the Library Week.

JMRL Director's Report: David Plunkett:

David thanked all the Friends for their contributing to the purchase of exterior hold lockers that were now available in Louisa & Greene.
He announced the recognition of JMRL as the 2022 Virginia Library of the Year.
He thanked the Friends for all the contributions and noted this included 1.6 million items for the library.
David invited the Friends to JMRL training day on Oct. 10th.

Old Business:

There was a brief discussion of the digital rollout of the "Among Friends" newsletter.

New Business:

The next meeting will be on January 19 at 5:30.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.