

Friends of the Parkersburg-Wood County Library
Minutes of the April 2, 2019, Meeting

Present: June Rhodes (President), Michael Ireland (Vice President/Treasurer), Lydia White (Secretary), Brian Raitz (Library Director), Dave White, Mary K. Reilley, Ann Cushing, Janet Mongilio, Diana Hill, Julie Shingleton.

June announced that the minutes of the November 27, 2018, meeting were on the website. Lydia distributed copies of said minutes to those requesting same. Ann Cushing made a motion to approve the November 27, 2018, minutes as submitted. Diana Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

Michael Ireland distributed copies of the Treasurer's report showing a balance at present in the checking account of \$11,073.75. It was determined that since the last FOL meeting in November, 2018, book sales and donations brought in the sum of \$809.40 (said sales and donations being set out in the Treasurer's report). A brief discussion ensued regarding collection of monies from the Williamstown library, and Brian said Williamstown library has its own committee similar to our FOL to which monies are given from any book sales and/or donations in Williamstown.

Ann Cushing made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted. Dave White seconded the motion. Said motion was approved by acclamation.

June advised that since Brian needs to leave early, he will speak to the group about some issues and then we will move on to old business.

Brian announced Crystal (employee who works in the lower level of the main library) and Lindsay (South library) will both be leaving the employ of the library on April 11, 2019. He added that Trina (night crew employee at main library) is presently out, which leaves 3 positions open.

Brian explained a project in which the library is participating in conjunction with the Give Local MOV which takes place on May 7. He said the last time the library participated in this the monies were used for the Children's Room, and this year the library is trying to finish renovations to the Young Adult area downstairs. Brian said some of the improvements will include video game consoles and screens, as well as paint and redo some of the flooring. He explained the Give Local MOV challenge, at which time a discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of the FOL participating in the challenge or just donating funds toward the project. Brian said credit cards must be used in the challenge and the deadline is May 6.

Michael Ireland made a motion for the FOL to pay \$1000.00 toward the Young Adult section to be used for matching monies donated on May 7 and if there aren't enough funds on May 7 to match, then the amount still goes to the Young Adult project. It was determined that according to the rules of the challenge, this would not work, and the motion died.

Julie Shingleton made a motion that the FOL donate the sum of \$500.00 to the Young Adult project and give \$500.00 to the Give Local MOV matching funds. Ann Cushing seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation. It was determined that Mr. Ireland would write a check tonight for

\$500.00 to Give Local MOV and the other \$500.00 would be given to the library at a later date directed to the Young Adult project.

Brian advised work on the Young Adult project will be done during the summer hopefully to be finished by August.

After a brief discussion it was decided that the deadline for book donations for the upcoming book sale will be April 13.

Brian left the meeting at 6:05 p.m., at which time June addressed the upcoming book sale under old business. It was decided that the hours for the book sale will be as follows:

Thursday, April 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Friends only)

Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Those helping set up on Thursday, April 25, should be at the library at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers working all 3 days and their hours to work were given to June.

A brief discussion followed regarding advertising for the book sale. The library will make flyers to be displayed at various locations throughout the community. June will take care of advertising in newspaper, on Facebook and on the Community Bulletin Board. John and/or Brian will be contacted to determine location of money box, signs and bags for book sale.

June advised Michael Ireland startup money will be needed and asked that he make sure there are 75 \$1.00 bills and \$20 in quarters provided for Thursday evening.

Book prices were determined as follows:

\$1.00 adult hardbacks

50 cents adult paperbacks

\$1.00 dvds and audio books

After a brief discussion concerning prices of children's books, Lydia White made a motion that all children's books will be sold for 50 cents. Ann Cushing seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

Boxes containing 10 cent items for both adults and children will be placed close to the table where payment is made on the days of the sale. Prices for other items such as coffee table books, etc., will be determined at time of setup on April 25.

There will be a \$2.00 bag sale from noon to 4:30 on Saturday, April 27, using only bags provided by the FOL.

New Business: June announced that FOL will be receiving a funding request for the Children's Summer Program.

It was a unanimous decision that we should hold a Fall book sale as long as we continue to receive donations.

Michael Ireland advised he spoke with a lady at the South library about the possibility of FOL contributing to funding an awning over the patio at the South library. He said he hasn't heard back from her so he isn't sure if they are still wanting help with this project. Ann advised that person is leaving and won't be working at the library any longer. June advised Michael to discuss this with Brian since he is Director of the library to see if he feels this is something that is needed before we move forward. Michael said he would do so.

June said she would like to have another meeting in May after the book sale, and a tentative meeting was scheduled for May 7 at 5:30 p.m.

There being nothing further for the good of the cause, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Lydia E. White
Secretary**