

Friends of the Parkersburg-Wood County Library
Minutes of the September 17, 2019, Meeting

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

Lydia had copies of the May 7, 2019, minutes available for those who wished to review them, and it was confirmed that said minutes were on the website. There being no additions or corrections to same, Diana Hill made a motion to approve the May 7, 2019, minutes as submitted. Janet Mongilio seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

Michael distributed copies of the Treasurer's report showing a balance at present in the FOL checking account of \$11,307.11. Following a brief discussion concerning monies received for book sales, Julie Shingleton made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Stacey Varner seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

June reminded those present that the FOL had previously agreed to give \$500.00 to the Young Adult Room project and asked Brian if he wanted Michael to write a check for same. Brian said they had about \$10,500 for that specific project and he will let us know when a check should be written. A brief discussion ensued regarding monies earmarked for the Give Local MOV, but it was decided no checks would be written at this time for same.

June reminded everyone that our book sale will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on October 18 and 19, with FOL members only "shopping" 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 17. She said we have everything we need, including bags thanks to Dave White's obtaining a more than sufficient number from WalMart during the last book sale. June said the only thing we need are price signs. Janet presented signs she prepared for the sale indicating the dates of the sale. She said she would print the price signs needed, as well as making sure the sign with dates was sent to everyone's email so members can print and distribute them throughout the community.

It was decided that setup for the book sale will begin at 10:00 a.m. on October 17. June asked that anyone wishing to volunteer let her know what days and times they are available. June said she would take care of getting the book sale information on the WTAP community calendar. She added that it will also be advertised on the library's Facebook page, as well as the library's website.

Stacey said ladies with the People to People group who have been meeting at the library for a long time wish to do something for the library and offered to volunteer at the book sale in some way. June gave Stacey her home phone number and asked her to have those from that group who are interested in helping contact June.

It was decided that donations for the upcoming book sale be closed October 12 and the last date for sorting will be October 14.

Under other business, Janet presented a request on behalf of the library for the FOL to give the sum of \$4,295.00 for the purchase of a scanning station that will be an integral part of the library's technology upgrade plan. Janet and Brian explained that the cost of the total upgrade will be over \$30,000 and monies for the remaining equipment needed are being requested from other agencies. Brian, Janet and Stacey explained that existing copiers are broken and parts cannot be obtained to fix them. Janet said the new scanning station will be located at the main desk upstairs and will enable printing from mobile phones, ipads, etc., as well as other features not available to the public at this time.

Michael asked if there might be a salvage value for the existing copiers. Janet said Greg is working on that, but it is doubtful because the copiers are old and in bad shape.

Lydia White made a motion for the FOL to give the sum of \$4,295.00 to the library for the purchase of a scanner for the main library to be used as a part of the library's technology upgrade plan. Michael Ireland seconded the motion.

Dave White asked what other libraries in the state such as Charleston, Huntington, etc., did in situations such as this and if they all have FOL groups that assist as well as requesting grants from outside agencies. June said most of the libraries have FOL support – that Williamstown and Vienna both have FOL groups that help and that is why they don't ask our FOL for assistance. Dave asked if the library is paying for any of the cost of the technology upgrade, and Brian said that depends on how much is received from outside agencies, etc. A brief discussion ensued as to what other entities will be hopefully helping the library with this undertaking, and a breakdown of items was presented by Janet and a copy given to Michael to keep with his records. Dave asked what would happen if sufficient monies aren't received to fund the proposed upgrade plan now. Brian said then the library would purchase the remaining equipment piece by piece over a couple years.

A vote was taken on the motion previously made by Lydia and seconded by Michael, and it passed unanimously by a show of hands. June asked Brian if he wanted Michael to write a check for the \$4,295.00 tonight, and Brian said to wait until the scanner is purchased and the invoice can be given to Michael to pay from.

Under other business Brian announced that the South Library is asking for volunteers to read aloud in 15 minute increments from banned books on Monday, September 23, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. He said anyone wishing to help should call the South library at 304-428-7041 to sign up.

It was decided the FOL will meet on Tuesday, November 5, at 5:30 p.m. in the Foyer to discuss the outcome of our October book sale.

Stacey Varner made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Janet Mongilio seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,


Lydia E. White, Secretary