

Friends of the Parkersburg-Wood County Library
Minutes of the May 24, 2021, Meeting

Present: June Rhodes (President), Michael Ireland (Vice President/Treasurer), Lydia White (Secretary), Brian Raitz (Library Director), Rita Yost, Diana Hill

Minutes of the September 21, 2020, meeting were on the website. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, they stood approved as submitted.

June brought everyone up to date on the directors of FOL – she advised that Stacey Varner no longer wishes to serve as a director and that she was unable to contact Megan Hernandez as to whether she wishes to continue serving as a director. June advised Brenda Taylor-Gellner and Judd Stephens have been removed as directors, leaving Rita Yost, Diana Hill, Kay Reilley, Ann Cushing, and Julie Shingleton as the present directors.

Brian advised that the Waverly library got “raided”, stating about the only books remaining are four shelves of juvenile picture books and a small number of adult fiction.. he said the picture books would be taken to the Boys and Girls Club and some of the remaining fiction by three popular authors would be coming to the Emerson Avenue library. He added that the Women’s Club doesn’t want any non-fiction materials for juveniles. In addition, Brian advised that the Emerson Avenue library will be getting some permanent shelving that will be installed in the foyer for the FOL book sales!!

Michael presented the Treasurer’s Report for the period from January 31, 2021 (the date of the last audit) through May 24, 2021, showing a balance of \$11,220.23. A discussion was held among members present (with explanations by Michael) as to monies received from book sales and donations. After reviewing profits from weekly FOL book sales in less than a year compared to previous bi-annual book sales, it was noted that said weekly book sales have brought in almost \$2,000.00, which is equal to or more than what was made on the bi-annual book sales. As a result, it was decided that we will continue with the weekly and every second Saturday book sales at this time instead of having a big sale.

After a brief discussion regarding juvenile book grab bags to be sold for \$5.00 per bag, it was decided that we would try it and see how it goes.

Under new business June announced that Olivia Johnson, Branch Manager of the South Library, requested funding from the FOL for the sum of \$90.68 to cover the cost of prizes for their YA and adult summer program. After a brief discussion regarding this request, Diana made a motion to give the sum of \$90.68 to the South Library for prizes for their YA and adult summer program as requested. Michael seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed by acclamation.

After a brief discussion and being advised by Brian that we could begin taking outside book donations now, it was decided that the library would get the word out that people could begin bringing in donations for the FOL book sales!! It was also decided that sorting of weeded and donated items would continue to take place on Wednesdays prior to the weekly book sales.

June announced that the FOL must have an annual meeting this July. She stated her term as President is up in July and she may not continue to serve as President. She also advised that Lydia's term as Secretary will be up, as will Michael's term as Vice-President/Treasurer, so we will need to have an election of officers at the July meeting which will be held July 19, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the Emerson Avenue Library Board Room.

Brian announced that the library made over \$17,000.00 from the recent Give Local MOV!!

There being nothing further for the good of the cause, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia E. White, Secretary