

**MFRL Annual Friends of the Library  
Blacksburg Library  
October 13, 2019**

**The Annual Meeting was held in conjunction with the Blacksburg Library's presentation by local sculptor and author Lawrence Bechtel.**

**He was introduced by Monena Hall, Director of the Blacksburg Library.**

**Bechtel talked about his sculptures of Thomas Jefferson and Issac Granger. He did extensive research into Jefferson's remarkable life. This led him to the subject of slavery, which freed Jefferson to accomplish so much. This research led him to Isaac Granger, Jefferson's "household slave," who followed him to Philadelphia. In 1847, Isaac was located by Charles Campbell, who persuaded him to tell the story of his time with Jefferson.**

**A very interested audience enjoyed Bechtel's talk, which was followed by a short social time, where people could talk with him, and enjoy refreshments provided by the FOL Hospitality Committee.**

**The talk was followed by the Business Meeting of the FOL, which Ellen Hall called to order at 3:25.**

**Attending were Ellen, Susan Keith, Phyllis Eschenmann, Lynn Brammer, Sue Hossack, Janice Litschert, Lisa Homa, and Linda Greaver. (Linda Spivey attended the talk.)**

**Minutes for the September 17, 2019, meeting were approved, with the correction of a typo.**

**Treasurer's report: The money that the FOL moved into the investment portfolio of the Library Foundation Board (\$6,000) was returned to us, and is in our account now. We will discuss how we want to invest it at our November meeting. Also, Karim will attend that meeting, and present his request for money we provide to the Library.**

**As of October 2, 2019, our total assets were \$51,193.18.**

**There was a question about our Newsletter account being over-budget, but that has been corrected. It was paid twice.**

**Nominating Committee met: Ellen will continue as President, Susan will continue as Secretary, and Lisa Homa will stay as Treasurer. This slate was approved.**

**The Business Meeting was adjourned at 3:35.**

**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at Meadowbrook Library at 3:00.**

**Submitted by Susan Keith, Secretary.**