

Minutes FOL Board Meeting, August 16, 2022, Meadowbrook

Present: Ellen Hall, Sue Hossack, Brenda Springer, Linda Powers, Karim Khan, Piper Durrell

1. Acceptance of Agenda- so moved
2. Approval of Minutes- accepted
3. Treasurer's Reports-

Income (\$20,000) up from budgeted (\$16,000)

Mostly due to book sales- \$8, 562.99

Expenses have been minimal- \$1, 652, over budget because of scholarship of \$1,000.

The Board approved Brenda re-investing \$8,000 in a CD (1.5 % for 18 months)

In the bank \$42,000, so assets of \$50,114.

Question on payments for online service/membership: there is a service fee for PayPal, and the online services is used not only for membership fees but also garden tour purchases and donations.

4. Garden Tour (given by Ellen)

Much praise given to the committee and the volunteers.

Money raised- \$7,435.00 in tickets, \$1, 250 in donations, minus expenses of 4994.16, plus notecards sold out (70 packets) to bring in over \$200.

Gardens next year will be all be in Blacksburg, again using a cluster method, with most of the gardens in the Price's Fork Rd.

5. Recruiting new members

Janice (book sales) and Ken (newsletter) are retiring from the Board after many years of service to the community. Sue (technology, membership) hopes to retire in the new future.

So...

A note will go out to FOL members seeking interest in these positions.

The fall newsletter may be minimal, just mentioning the annual meeting and speaker.

There was much discussion as to the "job" description to replace Sue.

Technology is meant to things easier but it is complicated when there is a need to deal with money issues -think online membership, donations, garden sales- and a data base for keeping lists of current members needed for newsletters, statistics, and other info exchange. Excel was once used for the membership roster but it does not easily translate into sending out newsletters, perhaps Google Group or Square could be useful. What we are looking for is someone to take over the membership data- "relational data base." Plus we have so many groupings that it complicates things.

Strong feeling that we need some people with technology skills on the Board (Sue will be hard to replace).

6. Book Sale, Blacksburg, Sept. 30

Janice is retiring from the Board but will help contact volunteers for the set-up and the sale.

Piper and the other Blacksburg library sale volunteers will seek more volunteers and try to make sure the sale is successful.

7. Annual Meeting, Blacksburg Library, October 16, 2pm

Jane Goette will be speaking about her new book, A River Road Memoir.

Ellen has talked to Linda Spivey about how to handle author talks.

Lynn and Phyllis are the Hospitality Chairs

Elections need to happen at the annual meeting, it was decided the best time for the elections would be directly after the meeting itself

The Annual Meeting needs to be publicized.

8. Karim

Federal funding has been received to do renovations on the Blacksburg Library and there will be an expansion on the Draper Rd. side in the near future.