

## Minutes of March 15, 2022 meeting

Present- Piper Durrell, Phyllis Eschenmann, Ellen Hall, Janice Litschert, Ken Vaughan

1. Agenda was accepted by all-

Ellen requested we add item: 7. Other venues for membership

2. Approval of minutes

Neither Janice nor Piper had attended the last meeting, and Phyllis was stuck in the traffic from an accident on the bypass and not yet at the meeting, so Ken and Ellen made motions and approved the minutes.

The minutes state that the rules for the FOL scholarship for employees need to be rewritten and that process is not yet complete.

3. Treasurer's Report

Both Profit & loss budget and balance sheet previous year comparison were reviewed and approved. Most of our conversation was on this topic and I will place it at the end of the minutes.

4. Garden Committee Report

Lynn was not there and the committee assumed all was going as planned. Phyllis stated that instead of giving a flower and name tag to the host/hostess of each garden (helpful for identification and to allow the visitors to direct questions to the right person), she would be using her barn quilt talents to make small barn quilt name tags (magnetic not fabric nor wooden). We all thought this was a most wonderful idea but would require a skill set that was not within our own abilities so could not offer to help her.

Ellen has been working on sponsorships and most of the sponsors of the past have renewed. Ken suggested she contact Blacksburg Books.

5. Membership Renewals

Sue had sent the numbers to Ellen- there had been 6 more Family memberships, bringing the number to 39 and 30 more Individual memberships, bringing that number to 30. Therefore 88 Family memberships have not yet been renewed and 80 Individuals have yet to renew. Obviously this means we have to find more ways of promoting the benefits of memberships to library patrons and local residents.

There was a very short discussion as to whether the idea and profit from memberships is going to be worthwhile in a post-COVID world.

6. Other venues for membership

Wilderness Festival- it might be possible to share a table with the Christiansburg library

4. Book Sale at Blacksburg Friday March 25 11-4

There has been mixed information about the sale and as to whether members only would be allowed in from 10-11.

\*After much discussion it was decided that for **this** sale- all will be allowed in from 10-11

**And** there will be signs

Indicating bag size allowed for the \$5 price (bags will be available) Piper  
Indicating a separate table where members will be given a \$1 discount on their bag –  
Phyllis- and she will have a list of members (Piper will obtain from Sue H)  
The large sign that has cute pictures and lists the benefits of membership and what FOL  
does with that money will be placed in a prominent spot-Ellen  
A whiteboard with more information  
There will also be membership forms and book bucks for those who do sign up at the  
book sale.

For the sale volunteers are needed to

Set up

Move the carts out of the way for an event Thursday evening

Move the carts back or outside depending on the weather

Pack up after the sale.

Janice has been working very hard to fill in all of these volunteer spots

**Questions-** do we have two money boxes? Will we need more \$1 bills? Is there any  
way to do on phones or computers instead of cash?

And for the next book sale we will clarify and publicize our policy as to the membership  
of benefits and book sales and assure that our messaging and the library's messaging  
are consistent.