

FRIENDS OF THE VICTOR FARMINGTON LIBRARY

September 6, 2023 Members Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Patty Bascomb, Rebecca Donovan, Marion Nelson, Cassie Jones, Debbie Keeley, Jess Pritchard, Tim Niver, Bea Parker, Barbara Giuliano, Carol Commisso, Cathy Lahr, Connie Krauza, Julie Brown

Call to order: President Patty Bascomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of August 2, 2023 Minutes: Connie Krauza moved to approve the August 2, 2023 minutes. Debbie Keeley seconded, and the motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Norton presented the report for April 1 through August 25, 2023, noting a checking account balance of \$1,678.61. Bea Parker questioned whether a decision had been made on how to use the \$25,000 bequest. Options will be presented and voted on in the future. Cassie Jones moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Bea Parker seconded, and the motion was carried.

Reports:

- Debbie Keeley reported 54 paid memberships, with 3 received since last report.
- Tim Niver reported that renovation of the east wing (Malone Room, restrooms, hallway and staff spaces) will begin on September 11, 2023. Renovations will include paint, flooring, LED lighting, window treatments, complete restroom upgrade, and replacement of exterior door hardware. Security cameras and panic buttons will be installed in the library. Library services and programs will continue, with some offsite and some in alternate library spaces. There are portable restrooms in the Library parking lot, as the restrooms will be under construction.
- Cassie Jones reported that she is hoping to form a Book Sale Committee, and shared a handout for skills needed. Once a location is secured, at Eastview or offsite, Cassie will publicize dates for used book drop-offs.

Old Business:

- Patty Bascomb asked for a vote on the purchase of a Polaroid camera and film for taking photos of new cardholders. Bea Parker moved to approve the purchase, Cathy Lahr seconded, and the motion was carried.
- Rebecca Donovan asked for a vote on purchasing giveaways for Climb Aboard Victor on September 16, not to exceed \$125. Cassie Jones moved to approve the purchase, Julie Brown seconded, and the motion was carried. Patty Bascomb noted that volunteers are needed for Climb Aboard Victor, 2 people each for 2 shifts between 9am and 3pm. A signup sheet was passed.

New Business:

- An open discussion was held on increasing involvement of Friends members. Patty Bascomb distributed an interest survey, and will email to all members.
- Members went around the table, describing their background, interests, and what brought them to the Friends.
- Patty Bascomb noted that our next Members meeting on October 4, 2023 at 7:00pm will be held in the **Large Print Area** due to the renovations.

Next Members Meeting: October 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Library **Large Print Area**

Meeting adjourned by President Patty Bascomb at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Donovan, Secretary