

Friends of the Sherrills Ford -Terrell Library
Minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2016

President Ellen Dewey opened the meeting. She welcomed Board Members Tony Stutts, Felicity Munier, and Jenny Conner, Catawba County Library Director Suzanne White, new member Nancy Graham and other members who had not attended meetings recently.

Ellen distributed copies of the minutes from the November and December 2015 meetings. After review by the members, on motion and second, the minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Report: Jan Harrison presented the highlights of her report, which covered the period from November 18, 2015 through January 19, 2016. She reported that the funds were received from Martha Nemechek's Comcast Community Champion of the Year award. Mrs. Nemechek had designated the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Friends of the Library as a recipient of a portion of the monetary award. Ellen provided more information about how Mrs. Nemechek wished those funds to be used. They are to be held separately from the general fund, cannot be used for regular day to day expenses, and use is limited to continuing or expanding programs for children of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell community. Examples of some uses include the literary programs now in place at the elementary schools, summer reading programs, other special programs, books, materials, special teachers and/or organizations which provide children's literacy services.

Library News: Jennifer Patterson reported on the programs scheduled for January and into the next months, along with early plans for the summer programs. She thanked the members for their continued support.

Membership: Ellen announced that the Chair of this committee was unable to continue this position, and a new interim Chairperson is needed. In addition, she encouraged members to start thinking about a slate of officers for the next year.

Newsletter: Joyce O'Neal was thanked for her wonderful newsletters each month. She asked that all contributions be sent to her by the end of January.

Hardscape/Patio Committee: Flo Hollands and Ellen Dewey discussed the most recent meeting with the landscape designer, and a sketch is now ready. A meeting with the county is scheduled this month.

Foyer Book Sale: Books continue to be moving quickly via donations and members are encouraged to continue donations.

Program: On Monday, January 25, at 6 p.m. Joyce O'Neal will present a piano concert at the Library. Members are encouraged to attend and to advertise this event. A reception will be held following the concert.

Linda Greenwell reported that the Community Read is still scheduled for Monday, March 21, at 7 p.m. Tony Abbott will lead the discussion of All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

Suzanne White presented some information on the Catawba County Library System strategic plan, upcoming programs, campaigns for more library memberships county-wide, and program expansions. She also spoke about the Catawba County Library Endowment which she had outlined in November. She reported that the Catawba County Friends of the Library had pledged \$5,000 and outlined the plan that each local FOL would participate by making a contribution to get this endowment started. Those who promote it to the community would like to be able to say that there is 100% support from every Friends Group in the county.

Members discussed the pros and cons, expressing a willingness to contribute but also giving consideration to the planned use of the funds we have in our treasury. The funds have been earmarked for the hardscape patio area which would benefit everyone at the library. After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded that we would contribute \$1,000 to the endowment. After that motion, before voting, there was more discussion, and Director Tony Stutts indicated he would make a donation to match the FOL contribution, thereby doubling the FOL contribution to \$2,000. The first motion was rescinded, and a new motion was made and seconded to contribute \$2,000 to the endowment. The members thanked Mr. Stutts for this generous contribution.

Programs: Ellen outlined the February, March and May programs, indicating that the April library program, a dinner and discussion of To Kill a Mockingbird and Go Set a Watchman would serve instead of a FOL program. Ideas for other programs were discussed and are encouraged.

Ellen asked for a volunteer to look into a program offered by American Girls dolls and books. The company offers a kit including the doll, clothes, and books, which the library would be able to offer for a youngster to check out. This prompted discussion about similar items other libraries have, such as Lego kits, Transformers, etc. Barb Nelson volunteered to look into it.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16th. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol B. Meyer, Secretary