

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library **Minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2016**

President Ellen Dewey opened the business meeting by introducing and welcoming three Board members: Tony Stutts, Jennie Connor, and Martha Nemechek. She also welcomed new and returning members and guests. The minutes of the June 21, 2016 meeting were presented on the overhead screen and reviewed by the members. On motion and second, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer: Jan Harrison presented two reports, the first for the period 1/20/16 through 6/30/16, which ended the fiscal year; and the second for the period 7/1/16 through 9/20/16.

Membership: Ellen presented a membership report, indicating that the goal is 100 members, and we are gaining new members with the recent publicity and personal contacts. She spoke about the membership drive which will culminate with a members-only drawing for prizes at the October 18th business meeting.

Library news: Siobhan Loendorf, assistant Catawba County Library Director, and currently helping as Librarian for our branch, reported on the summer program and presented a slide show of the “end of summer” program. She reported that of 198 original registrants, 90 children finished their goal, turned in their cards, and received prizes – an amazing completion rate! Siobhan introduced the new librarian, Jenny Gerami-Markham, who will be joining the staff in the next few weeks.

Ellen reported for a number of committees: the Foyer Book Bonanza continues with new donations of books and buyers. The Hardscape committee is working with the county to find a Certified Landscape Architect. The Literacy program will be starting up with the new school year, bringing new books to each of the first and second grades at both elementary schools in our area. Finally, the American Girl doll and kit have arrived and has already been checked out.

Sylvia Nelson and her grandson demonstrated a new electronics circuit kit called “Little Bits” which is proposed as an additional item to be made available for boys and girls to check out. In addition, a different kit, called “Snap Circuits” is also being proposed. Discussion centered on the difficulty level of the two choices, and it was concluded that perhaps both would be considered.

Fundraisers: Ellen talked about the current raffle and encouraged members to sell tickets for the Dinner for Two on one of the Queens Landing cruise boats; tickets are \$5.00 each with the hope of selling 200 tickets. Sandy Shekita will chair the Christmas wreaths as we have done in prior years, at the same prices. Forms for taking orders will be available.

The 2016-2017 calendar of programs, events and meetings was presented and reviewed in detail. There will be five programs and four business meetings. Ellen noted that we will need to provide refreshments at some of the programs. Sylvia Nelson talked about the Christmas Tree lighting/Santa visit on December 2nd.

Before the meeting closed, everyone was reminded that the next meeting, on Tuesday, October 18, will be held at the Sherrills Ford-Terrell fire station on Slanting Bridge Road. The meeting will begin at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol B. Meyer, Secretary