

**November 17, 2020**  
**Zoom meeting of the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library**

Called to order at 7:00pm by Jeanne Lebens, President (15 members in attendance)

The meeting started by having members tell one good thing that has happened since the last Zoom meeting.

**1. Financial Updates (see attached)**

- Jan walked everyone through the current financials.
- Jeanne informed everyone that the budget was unanimously approved in early October.
- Jeanne spoke to a few items as they pertain to the budget.
  - o The American doll collection received some new clothes.
  - o The January program set up to discuss the History of Sherrills Ford is going to be put on hold. The event was to be held at the Rehobeth Church. It was agreed that we should cancel the event due to the uncertainty of COVID and public gatherings and request the return of our deposit money.
  - o Since the summer ice cream social was not able to be held, all students completing the reading challenge received gift card to buy ice cream.

**2. Catawba County Library Update (Siobhan Loendorf)**

- Jenny introduced and congratulated Siobhan on her new position as Library Director for the Catawba County Library System.
- Siobhan informed everyone that the Catawba Library System has received a NC Grant which has allowed them to help the county address critical needs.
  - o Two Appalachian State University social work students have partnered with the Catawba County Library to work with individuals in the county to help with housing, jobs, getting stimulus checks, and setting up appointments at the DMV. Additionally, they have placed information on the website that assist individuals with the above

needs. The students have also held a class to help library staff to identifying individuals experiencing in need of help and how to assist them.

- The main library was able to get 35 laptops/tables with 5G internet access which can be checked out.
- Free internet access/hot spots have been set up in 7 locations around the county to assist individuals who do not have access to Wi-Fi.
- The Online Literacy Program is proceeding nicely.
- The Business Manager is position open if anyone know someone interested.

### **3. Library Operations ( Jenny)**

- Jenny thanked the FOSFTL for the copier and laminator. Once the copier is set up by library tech, individuals will be able to pay to have copies made.
- She encouraged members to continue to bring books for sale to the library .
- Zoom story time is going well and will continue on Thursdays @ 10:00am.
- Canned food donations can be made to eliminate library fines.
- The library continues to do curbside pickup.
- Jenny thanked the Santa committee. People are excited for this special program.
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### **4. Purchases for Library (Jeanne)**

- Five books from authors participating in TRIO have been donated to the library.
- Laminator & Large Format Printer have arrived at the library. They have been paid for and these expenditures will show up on the treasurer/budget report.

### **5. Fundraising**

- Book Bonanza – (Susan) Book sales are up and early voting at the library helped make it happen. Thanks to all who helped donate books and keep the shelves full during early voting. Jan said we have earned \$1000.13 year to date. (is the \$ amount right?)

- Gift Baskets – (Mary) Jenny informed us that the baskets in the library are selling. There is currently one basket remaining, so more can be brought in to sell. Ellen will place information about the baskets on Next Door and the Facebook page.
- Amazon Smile (Deb) - Amazon has a program that lets individuals sign up and select a charity. FOSFTL is our charity of choice! When someone orders items on Amazon through Amazon Smile, a percentage goes to the chosen charity. Deb will write up information about the program and Ellen will get the word out.
- Deb reminded us all to link our shopper cards to a local school, so a portion of our bill goes to our chosen school.

## 6. Membership Update (Jeanne on behalf of Paula)

- It's been a tough year for membership. Jeanne suggested putting together a committee in mid 2021 to develop a game plan for promoting the library & getting new members. There is explosive housing growth in our area and FOSFL hopes to inform new community members of the benefits of supporting their local library.

## 7. Committee Updates

- **Holiday Virtual Activities and Santa Events (Sheryl)**  
Sheryl told everyone that the Family Holiday Event with Santa is being well received. Ellen is handling registrations through Eventbrite and it is working perfectly. Registration opened Nov 3 and closes Nov 23. The maximum of 40 cars has already been reached. Families registering now are being put on a wait list. (Can't remember who is handling this...Yikes—)  
Is putting together the Make & Take Reading Project Bags which contain games, crafts and 4 books, two of which are holiday books. Meg has helped group ages, so everyone gets age appropriate books. (Is this being handed out at the Santa event or is this a separate event? )
- **Family Holiday Gift Baskets (Priya)** – Priya is putting together baskets of food, goodies, toys, and books for 16 families in Sherrills Ford. She worked with the elementary schools to determine that 6 families/10 children at Catawba Elementary and 10 families/16 children at Sherrills Ford Elementary

are in need of help this year. Priya (**who is shopping with her??**) are shopping for need items and Mary will be putting the baskets together.

Baskets will be delivered to Sherrills Ford Elementary December 10 and Catawba Elementary December 17.

- **Communication/Social Media (Ellen)** – Everyone agreed Ellen is doing an amazing job providing information for the increased online events/activities during COVID.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Kathy Camarco, Secretary

Attendees: Meg Thompson, Priya Palmer, Sheryl Schuhouse, Debbie McGiven, Jenny Gerami-Markham, Erica Batten (Board Member), Ellen Dewey, Joyce O’Neal, Jan Harrison, Evelyn Campbell, Sue Green, Jan Harrison, Jeanne Lebens, Siobhan Loendorf, Kathy Camarco