

Shepherd Park Friends of the Library meeting September 28, 2022
Attendees: Carl Bergman, Mark Pattison, Liz McNichol, Deborah Hirsch

Agenda:

- Meeting brought to order 6:35pm.
- Welcome (Mark)
- Minutes from July meeting (for approval): motion to approve (MV), seconded (LM). Motion passes.
- Nomination and election of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer:
 - o LM: Nominate Mark Pattison for President, Cheryl Teare as Vice President, Carl Bergman as Treasurer, Melissa Varga for Secretary
 - o Elected by acclamation
- Meet out new branch manager, Deborah Hirsch + branch manager's report
 - o Right now settling in, has been with the library for 1 month. Was able to overlap with Brian for a few days to help get settled.
 - o Had a very successful Art All Night event last Friday 9/23 that was well attended, which featured 3 different artists.
 - o Two bilingual storytimes coming up in November, on birds and pollinators, in partnership with the Smithsonian Natural History Museum.
 - o Retirement: adult services library Daniel has retired after many years of service. He ran a technology program on computer skills for seniors we hope to continue.
 - o Worked in North Carolina for about 30 years, most recently was in Wake County. Moved to DC to be closer to family, first in Alexandria and now in DCPL.
 - o Staffing shortages so Deborah is often around, stop by and say hi!
- Friends activities:
 - o Assessment of Sept. 9 Zoom program "Communication and Race":
 - Lower attendance rate than normal
 - o Assessment of Sept. 22 reading of banned books event:
 - Low attendance (just Mark!), but he read Animal Farm in spirit of the event.
 - Perhaps our emails are not going out? Need to look into whether people are receiving our messages.
- Oct. 15-16 used book sale:
 - o \$1 book for adult books and CDs/DVDs; 50 cents for children's
 - o Promotion plan: will share on local listservs and Federation of Friends listserv
 - o Deborah: is there a flyer? **Mark will work on a flyer.** Then Deborah can promote the book sale in the library.
- Old business: none
- New business:
 - o We should work on a plan for the next year!
 - o Website:
 - can we add our meetings to the website?
 - Can we add our charter to the website?

- Facebook: how to use it better to share our meetings and events. Discuss this year.
- Treasurer's report (for approval):
 - Current bank balance of over \$6,800.
 - Since May, we have more than doubled our membership from 41 to 87 members.
 - We ended up paying \$40 to have our leftover books picked up
 - Moved by CB, seconded by LM, motion is approved.

Next meeting: Weds, Nov 16, 6:30pm on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned 7:02pm

Action items:

- Mark will work on a flyer for the book sale
- Mark will check on listserv to see if our emails are going out!
- Mark will start recruiting volunteers for book sale
- Melissa: send Deborah charter. (COMPLETE)