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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Ken Sosnowski, President, Friends of the Salem Library

Every so often, an organization should review all of its parts. Are its activities still appropriate? Are the meeting times still convenient for the members to attend? Are the constitution and by-laws up-to-date? Our constitution and by-laws were last updated in 1997. The officers have looked them over and found a number of small changes that should be adopted. In this newsletter, you can read the proposed changes. The portions to be deleted are identified by being "~~struck out~~"; while additions are printed in **red**.

There are only 3 modifications to the constitution. Two are technical. After the election, the new officers don't take over until after the old officers have adjourned the January meeting, rather than in the middle of the meeting. The second is to bring the constitution in line with our normal procedure. Expenditures are approved by the members at meetings, not by the Board. The last is a practical addition which would allow the officers to spend a limited sum between meetings, if a problem arises.

There are more changes to the by-laws. We have not been holding six meetings each year. We have been holding four (five, if you count the Art Show). Four regular meetings per year seem to be appropriate. The President has been creating

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committees as needed, but he was never specifically given that power. Also, we have been placing the ex-president on the Board, but without authorization. There are small changes for the Secretary and Treasurer. The biggest change is the creation of a section for the Board of Directors. We've had a Board since FOSL was formed, but they were not given any duties.

Please read over the changes. We will discuss these and any others proposed by members at the October meeting. ◇

(See pages 3 through 6 for the complete original text with officers' recommendations. Ed.)

Sara Ahalt, Friends Volunteer of the Year

Janis Augustine, Library Director, Salem Public Library

Sara Ahalt is the Friends Volunteer of the year for 2012. Between her book sale work and Campbell Soup label work, she accrued 103 hours. She oversaw the work of 22 other volunteers during last year's book sale and together they worked 754 hours on the sale.

The Campbell Soup committee spent 48 hours organizing the Labels for Education last year. Leslie Hughes devoted the most hours to this project, a total of 14.

Many thanks to all the Friends volunteers! ◇

BOOK SALE

SEPTEMBER

Friends of the Library Book Sale

By Ken Sosnowski, President, Friends of the Salem Library



The Book Sale is rapidly approaching. As I write this note, a loyal core of volunteers has been unpacking and sorting thousands of books. As many members know, Sara Ahalt, who has directed the Book Sale for many years, has not been able to be involved. This has meant that others would have to stand up and take on additional responsibilities. To the great relief of this President, members have filled the sudden void. The Sale will go on and attendees won't notice any change. It's times like this that make you realize how great the members of FOSL are.

2013 BOOK SALE Schedule:

- **Member's-Only Sale:**
Friday, Sept. 13, 2013, 9:30 am – 11:30 am
- **Members' Luncheon:**
Friday, Sept. 13, 2013, Noon – 1 pm
(Members, please RSVP. See page 8)
- **Friday Public Sale:**
Sept. 13, 2013, 1 pm – 4 pm
- **Saturday Public Sale:**
Sept. 14, 2013, 9 am – 5 pm
- **Public Clearance Sale:**
Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013, 1:30 pm – 4 pm

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Members' Sale and Luncheon. ◇

Teen Summer Reading Program

By David Butler, Teen Services Manager & Technology Instructor

This year the teen program theme was "Beneath the Surface". The teens responded well for our 2013 programs and programs were well attended. Each year we have Duct Tape Art, Teen Mystery Night and the Amazing Race. These programs are staples to our summer reading program and I honestly believe the teens would be very upset if I were not to offer these specific programs. We also had good attendance at our other programs that were specifically designed around our "Beneath the Surface" theme. One in particular was a Hobbit Party. The Amazing Race was all about things Beneath the Surface.

We had two prizes this year, T-shirts and an Aluminum Water Bottle. Our attendance was a little lower than last year. This may have been due to our first year with a new on-line registration and tracking system. The teens read just over 1534 hours this summer. The grand prize is a Sony E-reader. The winner will be chosen by computer and the prize awarded to a teen that has completed 15 hours of reading.

I want to extend a big thank-you to the Friends of the Salem Library, The Library of Virginia and The City of Salem for all of their tremendous support. I absolutely want to give a big thank-you to our professional, helpful staff here at the Salem Public Library. I am fully aware that this awesome program would not be possible without the hours of dedication from our staff and the financial support we received. I also want to thank our teens for all the hours they volunteered with the crafts, registration process, awarding prizes, and helping read to the children for Story Time. Thank you teens for your participation in this year's summer reading program!!! ◇

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Our purpose shall be to maintain an association of persons interested in libraries, to focus public attention on the library, its resources and services, to receive and encourage gifts and bequests to the library, to support and cooperate with the library in developing library services and facilities for the community.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership

Membership shall be open to all citizens eighteen (18) years of age or older. This organization shall have the option to sponsor a JUNIOR FRIENDS group of young people up to age eighteen.

Section 2. Votes

Each member is entitled to one vote. A family membership entitles each adult member to one vote.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND ELECTION

Section 1. Officers

The officers of the organization shall be a Board of Directors consisting of five or more Directors and a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Section 2. Term of Office

- a) All officers shall be elected for a one-year term.
- b) The election shall be held at the January meeting with electees assuming their duties immediately following ~~their election~~ adjournment of the January meeting. Election shall be by majority vote of those present at the January meeting.

Section 3 Nominating Committee

The President shall appoint a nominating committee composed of one Director and two persons from the membership at large to nominate officers and Directors of the next term of office. ~~One Director nominated shall be the immediate past President of the organization.~~ This committee shall have the consent of all members nominated that they are willing to serve and shall submit **to the membership** a list, in writing, of the nominees two weeks prior to the January meeting. Additional nominations from the floor may be made at the January meeting

Section 4 Vacancies

Vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors or in any officer's position shall be filled for the unexpired term by election by the remaining Board of Directors and Officers.

ARTICLE V FINANCES

Section 1 Monies received

Monies received from membership, projects, gifts and memorials shall be used to further the purpose of this organization.

Section 2 Expenditures

All expenditures from these funds shall be approved ~~by the Board of Directors.~~ **by a majority vote of members at a regularly scheduled meeting. Unexpected and necessary expenditures (not to exceed \$300) may be approved by a majority vote of the Officers and Chairman of the Board of Directors. These expenditures must be presented to the membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting.**

Section 3 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I MEETINGS

This organization shall hold ~~at least six (6) meetings yearly~~ **a minimum of four (4) general membership meetings per year (Normally in January, March, July and October).** The January meeting will receive the report of the Nominating Committee, hold an election of officers and install the successful candidates.

~~Meetings subsequent to the January meeting shall be for all members and follow at two month intervals.~~ **The meetings shall be held on the second Sunday of the month, unless conflicting with a holiday.** The exact schedule may be varied by the President for cogent reasons.

ARTICLE II DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. President

The President shall:

- a) Preside at all meetings;
- b) **Establish ad hoc and standing committees**, appoint all committee members, and designate the chairperson;
- c) Represent the Friends before any group requesting our presence, or designate a representative.
- d) Prepare a brief annual report of Friends activities and submit it to members with notification of the January meeting and the report of the Nominating Committee.
- e) **At the end of his/her term of office, the President shall be automatically appointed to serve on the Board of Directors until replaced by the next post-President.**

Section 2. Vice-President

The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President when that officer is absent.

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- a) Prepare and maintain minutes of meetings **of both the general membership and the Board of Directors** ~~held during the year~~, post a copy on the Friends bulletin board, ~~and~~ provide a copy to the Friends Historian, **and post a copy on the Friend's website.**
- b) Prepare and send out correspondence and perform other duties as directed by the President.

Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- a) Make regular financial reports, ~~posting a copy on the Friends bulletin board.~~
- b) Pay all bills for expenditures authorized by the membership.
- c) Keep a record of receipts and transactions in the organization’s bank account.
- d) Serve as membership chairperson, collect all dues, maintain a list of paid members ~~and post such list on the Friends bulletin board by May 1 of each year.~~

Section 5. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of four (4) elected members plus the most recent post-President.

The Directors shall:

- a) Determine the mission and purpose of the organization;
- b) Protect assets and provide proper financial oversight;
- c) Ensure legal and ethical integrity;
- d) Meet at least annually and elect a Chairman.

ARTICLE III DUES STRUCTURE

Membership dues are on a calendar basis. New members may join at any time during the year but will incur new annual dues on the first day of the next calendar year. Names of members whose dues are not paid by ~~April 1~~ **October 1** shall be removed from the membership rolls. **Dues shall be decided by vote of the membership.**

ARTICLE IV MEMORIAL BOOK FUND

This fund shall be maintained by the Treasurer to receive donations from any person desiring to honor or to memorialize someone. The Library Director shall purchase additional books from this fund, record the names of the donor and donee on the frontispiece and notify the person being honored of the donor’s gift.

ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws may be made at any general membership meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present, providing notification has been given to the members two weeks prior to the date that the subject amendment is to be voted upon.

ARTICLE VI DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

In the event of the dissolution of the organization, by the Board of Directors, all assets of the organization, ~~upon its dissolution,~~ shall be applied and distributed so that all liabilities and obligations shall be paid and satisfied. Remaining assets shall be transferred ~~become available~~ to the Salem Public Library.

Summer Reading Program Dig into READING, Ages 2-10

By Maureen Harrill, Children Services Librarian

DIG Into READING was the theme for the children's Summer Reading Program for 2013. Our goal of promoting reading during the summer months was a success with 2,447 hours of reading done at this point in August.

Programs were very well attended with over 1500 participants! The best attended program was Larson's Amazing World of Reptiles with 236 attending a morning & afternoon show. Joe Pipik's puppet show: Little Red Rocket Hood was a close 2nd. Third in popularity was Mike Klee's Black Tie Magic Show. Craft mornings were another big hit with the kids. Pre-teen & teen volunteers made so many activities work smoothly especially Craft mornings.

Some of the theme topics were dinosaurs, fossils, critters that dig – moles, raccoons, badgers, etc. Prizes included dinosaur grabbers; sunglasses or garden gnomes; dinosaur skeleton figures and groundhog finger puppets. The children loved getting their prizes.

Registration was down as this was the first year for online registration and online tracking of hours read. This was part of a Library of Virginia & Department of Education initiative. I did a short survey of parents to see where there could be improvement in the new system. The survey results indicate that we can add reading logs and stickers for the children next year and still have the statistical advantages of the online process.

Thanks to the staff who worked so hard to make it possible to help so many families. Special thanks to the Friends of the Salem Library, the Library of Virginia & the City of Salem for financial assistance. ◇

“I cannot live without books”

Thomas Jefferson to John Adams, 1815

Art Show Report

By David Butler, Teen Services Manager & Technology Instructor

The Salem Public Library's annual Art Show and Reception, featuring the creative and fantastic art of the City of Salem elementary school students, was held on May 19, 2013. We received a communication from Hunter Routt, Coordinator of the Gifted Student Program, regarding a few specifics of this event:

- 105 pieces of art created by children from all 4 Salem elementary schools were on display.
- 55% of the students who had art on display attended the reception.
- This number is up 36% over the attendance last year.
- All 58 students who attended the show had at least one adult along, and in many cases, multiple family members attended the show.

The Salem Public Library is excited to host this event annually and Friends of the Salem Library are instrumental in making it happen. We have such talented young people in our community; it is inspiring to view their creative art pieces each year. Thank you Sarah Meadows, Ashley Harmon and Hunter Routt for your hard work in making the Salem Student Art Show something we can all enjoy. ◇



Ashley Harmon (left) and Sarah Meadows

Officers of the Friends of the Salem Library:

President: Kenneth Sosnowski
Vice President: Charles Draper
Secretary: Susan Ahalt
Treasurer: Joyce Foster

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Chris Gladden
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Membership dues (other than Life) are payable **January 1 of each year**. Consult your mailing label. If the date shown is *prior to 2013*, please renew your membership. Your dues must be current to attend the Members' Book Sale and Luncheon. Pay by check (payable to FOSL) at the Library desk or by mail. You may pay at the Members' Book Sale but you will not be eligible for the Members' Luncheon that day.

Important Dates

FOSL holds four regular meetings each year. They are on the 2nd Sunday of the scheduled month starting at 2PM and last for approximately one hour.

- August 5 through September 12, Book Sale preparation in Library Meeting Room
- September 13 through 15, FOSL Book Sale (Sept 14 is Olde Salem Days) *See Page 2 for detailed schedule.*
- September 16, Meeting Room Cleanup
- October 13, regular meeting:
 - **Discussion of Constitution and By Laws**
- January 12, 2014, regular meeting:
 - *Election of Officers and Board.*
 - *Presentation of new Library Web Site features by David Butler.*

Members are encouraged to attend and contribute to regular business meetings and to volunteer to help make activities such as the Book Sale a success.◇

Member's Luncheon

The Staff on the Salem Library invites the Members of the Friends of the Salem Library to the Member's Luncheon on:

Friday, September 13 at 12:00PM
Right after the Members' Sale

Please RSVP to 375-3089 or e-mail library@salemva.gov

Members'– Only Sale, 9:30 – 11:30