

ATAWBA COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

February 8, 2016

Present: officers Libbie Lynn, Sylvia King, Helen Brigham; members Susan Arrowood, Pat Beyersdorfer, Ginny Pretty, Fran Wood, Lucille Woodrum; staff Siobhan Loendorf, April Green, Paul Foster, Suzanne White.

Call to Order: at 11:00 a.m. by Vice-President Libbie Lynn.

Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: The checkbook balance as of February 7th is \$8395.96. The major sources were from the on-going book sales at Main and Conover.

Staff Reports:

- A. Suzanne was there to thank the Friends in person for the \$5000.00 donation made to the North Carolina Community Foundation.**
- B. Siobhan brought information on the following:**
 - 1. The coffee bar needs a name. The consensus was Friends Coffee Bar.**
 - 2. Paul is attaching Friends news to the library news blog site. He will demonstrate the site at the March meeting. The Friends will also have an email address.**
 - 3. Major activities for the Big Read include a musical tribute to the "Dollar-A-Day Boys" (workers in the CCC during the Depression) which will be presented by William Jamerson at Abernethy Laurel on March 16th at 2:00 p.m. Siobhan requested \$150.00 from the Friends (half the cost of the production). Lucille moved that we donate that amount, Sylvia seconded, and the motion passed.**
 - 4. The Summer Reading Workshop for librarians in this area on March 21st will offer 18 workshops at Main. The state association is sponsoring the luncheon, and Siobhan asked if we might provide refreshments for the attendees at the 9:00 a.m. registration. Breakfast bars and fruit were suggested, and Susan Arrowood moved that we allocate \$150.00 to that purpose. Sylvia seconded, and the motion passed.**
 - 5. There will be two billboards about the Big Read: one at I-40 and one on NC 16; over 1000 copies of "To Kill a Mockingbird" in English will be distributed and 200 in Spanish; events for the Big Read are being publicized in a variety of media on a regular basis.**

C. April reported that:

- 1. They are planning an adult summer reading program for all the county branches this year, as a similar program was quite successful at Sherrills Ford last summer.**
- 2. The theme for the children is “Get Set, Start, Read”, and the adult theme is “Exercise Your Mind”. Both programs will start on June 13th and run for six weeks.**
- 3. The winter garden provided 42 pounds of vegetables for the Corner Table this year.**
- 4. Planning for the spring and summer planting is now underway, and they will be adding fruits this year – strawberries, blueberries, etc. Attendance has been good for the garden classes.**

Old Business:

A. Peggy Day Memorial: Libbie will pursue information.

B. Books of Value: Siobhan will set up account.

C. Basket Making:

- 1. 15 baskets have been sold at a rapid pace.**
- 2. Easter and spring baskets needed, and a “production” date of Monday, February 29th, at 9:30 a.m. was set.**

New Business: Annual Book Sale in August

A. Set-up dates of Friday, August 5th, Monday, August 8th, and Tuesday, the 9th.

B. The sale will be from Wednesday, the 10th, through Saturday, the 13th, and clean-up on Monday the 15th.

C. Promotional ideas, such as a “big” raffle prize and using a purchased library tote bag to fill for free (if one joins the Friends) were suggested, and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment at 12:10 p.m.

The Next Meeting will be Monday, March 14, at 11:00 a.m.

**Helen Brigham,
Secretary**

