

FOL Quarterly Newsletter **"Between Friends"**

February 6, 2017 brought several changes to FOL with the election of officers. President Merri Bottorff, Vice President Sue Williamson, Secretary, Roxana Reffitt, Treasurer Linda Campbell and Member-at-Large, Carol Noll. Positions on the Board of Directors, Campbell, Bottorff, and Lorie Krygier remain unchanged until Feb. 2018. Committee chairmen are Membership, Krygier and Vicky Long, Hospitality, Teri Jarrette, Fundraising FOL book sales, Cambell, and Historian/Scrapbook, Long.

Friends elected to eliminate meeting refreshments. Water will be available. Two new membership perks were initiated. A token of appreciation and a volunteer press release will be given for the most hours donated during National Volunteer Week/ Points of Light held each year in April. The executive committee is exempt. An Outstanding Service Award will be given to a Friend who has contributed greatly to the success of the organization, there are no exemptions and this selection will be by member vote. Noll will keep track of volunteer hours. A book will be placed at the circulation desk to record hours.

Streamlining the meeting by emailing minutes, the treasury report and a brief agenda with meeting reminders began at the March 6 meeting. Printed copies available for those without email. An opportunity for questions or corrections, preceded the vote.

WCPL's 100th Birthday Celebration Open House April 11 from 3-7 was discussed. Nancy Sideris offered to make 5 sheet cakes, the 'show cake' will be purchased. Sideris suggested tablecloths and those were ordered from Wildman's. FOL will pay the tablecloth rental fee, Sideris for the cakes and Times-Union for an FOL Happy Birthday ad to be run on Wed. April 5. Volunteers will be serving cake and punch. April 9-14 is National Library Week. The first FOL book sale is April 7-8. Sorters have been very busy and need more help as books are 'multiplying' from generous donors. The August 4-5 FOL book sale will coincide with the end of the summer reading program and will be a celebratory Carnival Bash held outside, weather-dependent. FOL will help sponsor and provide volunteers.

An annual library tour was added as a membership perk. The FOL garage sale to be held May 5-6 was discussed. Email updates are sent throughout the month to

keep members current.

More changes were noted at the April 3 meeting. The FOL garage sale is now April 28-29 to coincide with the neighborhood garage sales. It will be held @ 619 Nancy St. Warsaw. 9-5 Fri. and 8-1 Sat. Volunteers were asked to sign up. Several new signs for FOL by Bartel Printing were unveiled, including the updated FOL logo.

Ann Zydek used an effective power point presentation to provide a general 2017 library wish list. Questions and discussion followed. It will be posted on WCPL website. Carol Noll has donated a glider rocker with foot stool to the Children's dept. A plaque has been ordered from Acey Trophies to be attached to the back in loving memory of her Mother, Dorothy "Grandma Dot" Souther to whom the chair belonged.

Thurs. April 6, @ 10 am will begin the book migration and set-up to Meeting Room A. The Susie Stafford room will also be used for the sale. Purple book bags will be used as new member incentives. Cash or check will be accepted. Members with a membership card will receive a 20% discount. There will not be a bag sale. Book bucks will be honored for this sale only.

During the month of April, new paid memberships will be entered into a drawing for a free annual membership good for the following year. Current members responsible for signing up a new member they have recruited, may count the donated time to achieve this recruit and your name will be entered into the drawing as well. The selections will be made by a 3rd party at the May 1st FOL meeting.

A tour of the CD, Video, and DVD dept. will conclude the May meeting for those interested. A library tour is scheduled for the June 5 meeting. A late July informal meeting will be determined by members because of the August book sale and celebration.

It's exciting to be a Friend of the Library, to advocate and support the services of WCPL financially and through our volunteer efforts. Please, won't you join us?

Merri Bottorff