

Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library

FCCPL Brunch & Annual Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2024

Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library held its Annual Meeting with a brunch at the Summer Lake Clubhouse in Moseley on October 19, 2024. There were approximately 35 members and guests in attendance. Attendees checked in and were offered a program which described the agenda for the meeting and included a detailed list of the Friends accomplishments in the past year.

President Mary Beth Cox welcomed everyone at 11:00 and invited all to enjoy the brunch. The business meeting began at 11:30 with Mary Beth recognizing the Annual Meeting Committee: BJ Rauschkolb – VP Programs; Mary Beth Cox; Anita Ayres; Erica Emery; Andrea Brown; Kathryn Geranios; Sheila Callear and Cherie Heinz. She also recognized and thanked the Cosby High School Life Science volunteers who set up our entire room for this event. We called them our wonderful gift! Mary Beth reminded everyone that this is the Friends of the Library Week, October 20-26 and all who attended the annual meeting received a beautiful bookmark.

Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were approved. Kahil Dotay was re-elected as a Director-at-Large (for 3 years) and Andrea Brown was elected as a new Director- at-Large, as her one-year term of Immediate Past President has ended. Special members were recognized for their service: Barbara Fischer was recognized because she is leaving her position as Director at Large. Teresa Wray left her position as Membership Coordinator earlier this year. Mike and Mary Bawol are leaving their positions as branch leaders (Clover Hill and Midlothian, respectively).

The business meeting ended at 11:55 with a cake cutting. The event continued with a presentation open to the public. Kahil Dotay recognized Friends members by years of membership, with Angie Wilderman, Central Friends member, having the most years since 1977. Next Kevin Carroll, Matoaca District Representative of the Board of Supervisors, made remarks about upcoming improvements, renovations and the new library scheduled in 2027, and surrounding community. He also stated he could be reached via email if there were questions, CarrollKevin@chesterfield.gov. Carolyn Jensen, Library Assistant Director, thanked the Friends for all our good works in support of the libraries. She stated the library staff feels our love for the library. She talked briefly about the renovation for the LaPrade library, the refresh for the Chester library and the expansions for the Enon and Ettrick libraries. The highlight of her talk was about the Book Mobile; more to come on this later.

Mary Beth introduced the main presenter, Audrey Burges, author of two novels: *The Minuscule Mansion of Myra Malone* and *A House Like an Accordion*, both for sale during the event. She explained her technique of writing: taking advantage of those 20 minutes waiting at her children's events. She also displayed various objects that could spark ideas for characters and plots. She advised people to never edit while writing; only when the book is finished.

The event ended at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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