

General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2019

President Jane Ann Kennedy called the meeting to order at 11:45 A.M. There were 38 members in attendance; 1 new member and 4 first-time members. Jane Ann welcomed all! The following business was conducted:

Secretary's Report: Minutes from November meeting were approved as corrected: *Committee Reports/Membership:* Cape Coral Friends is *not* a member, but *does* receive the Focus.

President's Report: Jane Ann thanked all who attended the Holiday Luncheon.

Treasurer's Report: Len reported a balance of \$45,152.13 as of December 3, 2018 and after monthly income and expenses a December 31, 2018 balance of \$46,777.38. Len's report included 2018 "Gee-whiz" amounts from the Nook, coffee sales and the annual Book Sale.

Len read a note from Pat Davidson, former Membership Chair, who sent well wishes and misses to Friends along with her dues.

Library Report: Patrick Carlin (PC), Senior Librarian reported the following in Carrie's absence:

Staffing: Elizabeth McLaughlin, Library Assistant, has completed her Master's degree in Library and Information Science from FSU in mid-December.

Circulation: November circulation was 69,796. December circulation was 73,134. YTD circulation for 2018 was 930,481.

Cardholders number 45,524 with 315 new cards issued.

Building: The night cleaning crew will be cleaning the Nook on Monday and Wednesday nights. Library staff has been alerted to close the Nook early on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The Nook will be opened upon arrival of the scheduled volunteer.

No further updates from the architect at this time.

Closings: Monday, January 21, 2019 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

PC pointed out that the pile of dirt in front of the library sign on Gladiolus Drive (which was a concern in November) has been removed.

Committee Reports:

Nook arrangements: Anita thanked PC for his many years of hard work sorting donations and helping with the Book Sale set-up.

Anita asked that any donations be saved until after the Sale. Our closets are filled to capacity.

She asked for volunteers for Friday set-up and Tuesday clean-up. If anyone is able to help on either day, s/he should show up at 9 A.M. A Floor-walker is still needed for Saturday at 9 A.M.

A representative from The News Press was photographing in the Nook this past week. Watch for the publicity that will surely be creative.

Display Case: Lucy reported the clock display will remain through February. She still has open dates for 2019 and for most of 2020.

Lunch: Jane Ann thanked Marianne for her help in taking lunch orders, especially in light of the many lunches ordered today.

Membership: Jeanette reported a total of 204 members, as of December 31, 2018. Because we have gained one additional Lifetime member, we currently have 23 Lifetime members.

Of the 181 annual members, 106 have renewed for 2019. Two members have renewed for two or three years respectively.

Appropriate addresses for Snowbirds have been updated; if you fall in this category and are NOT receiving your newsletter *here*, please contact Jeanette so she can rectify the matter.

Jeanette had a sign-up sheet available at the sign-in table for members who are not receiving the newsletter and/or do not have a nametag. She asked that names, email addresses and addresses are printed legibly to avoid misspelling and to insure the receipt of the newsletter and blast emails.

Program: Cindy welcomed back the Snowbirds! She delivered bad news: our February author is unable to present due to health issues. This was quickly followed with good news: Lisa Black has agreed to fill the February slot.

She encouraged all to check out the website for the complete schedule of presenting authors.

Cindy thanked all in attendance and guaranteed Robert Macomber will not disappoint.

Publicity: Ginny reported she continues to publicize our meetings in local papers. The Florida Weekly will be advertising the Book Sale.

Volunteers: Jane Ann had no report.

Website: Mary reported that annual total visitors to our website in 2018 is 3,521; down 2% from 2017. December visitors were 267; up 40% from December 2017.

In January, to date, we average 9 visitors per day. This is approximately the same average in-season traffic as the past 2 years.

FOL events continue to be posted on FB page.

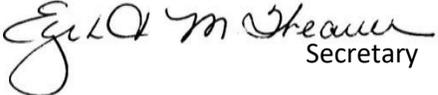
Old Business: Lucy reported the canvas FOL bags have arrived! Bags are for sale in the Nook for \$7.

New Business: A question was raised concerning the Prigmore bequest. Because nothing is finalized at this time concerning renovations, there is nothing to report. Friends will be kept apprised of the on-going developments.

Jane Ann informed the membership of the approval of the Board to pledge an additional \$30,000 to the fund.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2019 at 11:45 A.M.

The meeting closed at 12:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary