

General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2019

President Jane Ann Kennedy called the meeting to order at 11:45 A.M. There were 24 in attendance; no new members and no first-time members. Jane Ann welcomed all! The following business was conducted:

Secretary's Report: Minutes from January 11, 2019 were approved as read.

President's Report: Jane Ann thanked all who worked at the Book Sale by either working or shopping. It was a success.

Treasurer's Report: Len reported a December 31, 2018 balance of \$46,777.38. He explained the line items in both *Income* and *Expenses* including the double Focus payment due to an order of additional January Focus and the payment of \$400 for The Shell Museum passes. (Jane Ann explained how the Shell Museum passes work.) Len highlighted the \$5881.58 from the Book Sale and \$2342.67 income from the Nook. There is a balance of \$53,686.04 as of February 1, 2019. The report was approved subject to audit.

Library Report: Patrick (PC) reported the following:

Staffing: Interviews are on-going for a PT Page position.

Circulation: Circulation in January was 96,305; 23% of LCLS! YTD circulation is 102,782. Overdrive borrowed titles number 21,368. 661 new cards have been issued making the total of LK cardholders 45,831.

Building: Everything has been put on hold while architects make improvements to original drawings.

Patrick was asked a question from the floor about the 661 new library cards issued. He explained that, yes, these were *new* cards not *renewals*.

Committee Reports:

Nook arrangements: Anita explained what happened before, during and after the Book Sale and thanked all of the volunteers, from FOL and from the library staff, who made it all possible! In a nutshell, 225 boxes were unpacked prior to the sale. \$1200 of merchandise was sold at the Friday preview. There were fewer books this year, but sales on Saturday came close to last year's total. Eight people packed 75 boxes for donation after the sale. Anita will need even more volunteers next year because the library staff will no longer be able to assist in set-up.

Display Case: Lucy was absent. Snoopy will be the March display.

Lunch: Marge apologized to those who may have tried to order lunch online and had difficulties. She thanked Marianne for stepping in for her whenever needed. Marge reminded those who ordered lunches that individual names are marked on the end of the lunchboxes for easy identification.

Membership: Jeanette apologized to all who received numerous blast emails from her. She has separated her groups in email and is currently trying to iron out the wrinkles in that process. Jeanette reported 201 members. This count does not include the forms received at the start of the meeting. She has sent a reminder to those whose membership is about to expire.

Program: Cindy thanked all who attended January's author presentation. Robert Macomber spoke to a record crowd. She thanked Lisa Black for presenting today and she gave a quick rundown of upcoming meetings. Check the website and/or the Focus for authors still slated for this season.

Publicity: Ginny was absent, but continues to notify the usual publications about FOL events.

Volunteers: Jane Ann reminded volunteers of the Appreciation Tea on February 20th at 2:00 P.M.

Website: Mary was absent, but sent her report electronically.

Wordpress - we are getting the usual seasonable bump in views, reaching 509 in January 2019. There is an especially large bump in views during the last week of January, so it may reflect that many seasonal users of our library arrive in February.

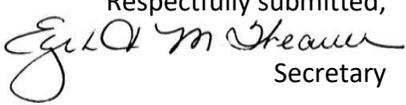
Facebook - We are getting more activity through Facebook. Over the past month, we have had 218 post views, meaning our posts appeared on people's screens. We had 124 post engagements, meaning viewers liked, commented on or forwarded our Facebook post.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: Mark your calendars for the March 2nd Reading Fest at Fort Myers Library.

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

The meeting closed at 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary