

Friends of the Lakes Regional Library
General Meeting
September 11, 2015

The President Jane Ann Kennedy called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM. Jane Ann welcomed any new members and first time visitors.

Carla Webb read the minutes of the last General meeting, May 8, 2015. Jane Ann found two errors in the report. Both errors were the wrong months, which Carla said she would correct.

Jane Ann Kennedy gave the President's report. Jane Ann talked about the upcoming Southwest Florida Reading Festival. She announced the date of March 19, 2016 as the date for this big event. Also on the night before, March 18, 2016 there is an event called Night with the Authors. Jane Ann told the members about several partner events that will be coming up. Chocolates and Spirits at the Gulf Coast Town Center and Read Between the Wines are just two of the events that are coming soon.

Len Ahlfeld gave the Treasurer's report. As of August 31, 2015 the Administrative Account has a balance of \$3, 248.46. The balance as of August 31, 2015 for the Gift Fund Account is \$19, 995.35. The total funds available are \$23,243.81. See attached Treasurer's report for the details. Len reported on the Nook Sales. Total sales so far this year are up \$700 more than last year. In the last three months, the Nook took in \$4,870.

Jill Horrom gave a library monthly update. She announced that the auto renewal numbers are still inflated. These numbers should be correct by March 2016. The Summer Reading program was a success. Jill thanked the Friends of the Library for their continued support. She thanked the members who were so kind and caring when her father passed away this summer.

Jane Ann Kennedy announced the resignation of two longtime Nook volunteers due to health issues. She reported that Flo Morris would be back next month to take the lunch reservations. She suggested that members check the Focus for information.

Pat Davidson was not at the meeting, but Jane Ann reported that as of September 11, 2015, there are 200 memberships and of those, 16 are lifetime members.

Cindy Ahrens gave information on the speaker for the day. Her name is Anita Katherine Dennis who wrote *Beyond Myself-The Farm Girl and The African Chief*. Cindy announced that next month the speaker is Dr. Colon, who is a sleep doctor.

Jane Ann announced the date for the Big Book sale to be January 23, 2016.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Webb, Secretary