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### Minutes FONCPL Zoom Board Meeting August 10, 2024, 10 AM

**Members In Attendance**:

Judy Hills, President

Joanne Straight, Secretary

Kathy Lambe, Director and Newsletter Editor

Lyn Marshall, Director and Webmaster

Karen Robbins, Director

Joyce Speas, Director

Lynda Reynolds, Ex Officio, State Library Liaison

**Absent:**

Tim Como, Treasurer

Tess Thais, Director

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am and a quorum was established.
2. Lyn moved to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2024 meeting, Kathy seconded and the motion passed.
3. Lynda Reynolds, State Library Liaison said she is meeting with new library directors and is receiving annual surveys from public libraries.
4. Treasurer Tim Como was not in attendance, He emailed the monthly financial statement and bank statement. The Charitable Solicitation License application was approved.
5. Reports
6. Membership is down slightly from last year; not sure why. Karen suggested that local Friends groups don’t know what FONCPL is and what it has to offer. She suggested sharing our newsletter with local boards. Kathy suggested making more intentional messages to share with our own local boards.
7. Newsletter -Kathy does a great job. Board members were reminded to share items of interest with her.
8. Lyn wants to revamp the resource page on our website and add a search feature. The content is good; may include a short description for the links.
9. Karen reports on challenges and advocacy. Judy mentioned that she is doing a great job covering challenges. Let Karen know if your library experiences any challenges or how a challenge is affecting the library’s actions.
10. Awards & Grants – Tess
    * 1. Regional Meetings - Albermarle – 26 people from 6 counties. The Friends of Stanley County Pl used a $100 grant to provide breakfast for attendees
      2. Seed Grants – Frankinton group ready to apply
      3. Friends of the Year Awards and Challenge Grants- deadlines are approaching. Promote on website and in newsletter

If we aren’t awarding these smaller grants, we might want to consider other ways to distribute our funds. We could possibly increase the amounts awarded.

Karen moved to award the current Friends of the Year nominees a $50 check which will be sent to their Friends group for presentation. Joyce seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

1. Annual Report – Judy reported that the 2023 annual report was completed and posted on the website.
2. Judy reported on her recent activities including presentations to new library directors, attending a Friends meeting in Shallotte and a regional Friends meeting in Swansboro
3. OLD BUSINESS
4. There was a discussion of options for online payment of membership dues.
5. We have completed the transfer of all our old FONCPL documents to the State Archives of NC. The records are cataloged, and the entry can be found here: [https://axaem.archives.ncdcr.gov//solrDetailPages/series/NCA/Series\_detail.html?fq=seriesRid:1174579](https://axaem.archives.ncdcr.gov/solrDetailPages/series/NCA/Series_detail.html?fq=seriesRid:1174579)
6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election of Officers

* + 1. Officer positions to be filled (2-year terms): President and Secretary. (1 year term): VP (to align with the Treasurer’s term)

b. Appointment of Directors by Board (2-year terms—no term limits): Lambe, Marsh,

Thais. Two vacant Director slots: 1 with a one-year term and 1 with a two-year term

1. Judy will approach members about their willingness to serve on the board – including new member Cindy Shipley, Kathy Lambe to become Secretary with a new newsletter editor, Tim to stay on as Treasurer,

Some questions as to possible president

1. Judy voiced some concerns with the current ALA Memorandum of Understanding

Among their recommendations is that the library furnish space for their FOL. Some libraries simply don’t have space. It is hoped that NC Friends will look to FONCPL for guidance and suggestions before accepting the ALA proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Straight

Secretary

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