

## **Meeting Minutes:** April 22, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Kathleen H. Roll Call was taken by Kellie E. Minutes were read from January 2024 meeting was completed. Vick W motioned to approve the minutes, Debbie R. seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Thank you note was received from Blue Jay Football for a donation of \$150.00 for 2023. Requests for donation was received from His Kids with Cancer, HSS and Dupo School District Special Ed Teachers. After much discussion on the approach of FOL to donating to organizations within the community. The group decided that in accordance with Article 1 of the by-laws, money is to be distributed in the event it provide marketing or is in direct support of the purpose of FOL. A motion was made by Mary H, seconded by Dan S to fund a donation to match 2023 contribution to Blue Jay Football, HSS and Songs for Soldiers. Motion passed unanimously. Dan S will draft a declination letter to inform group to whom we will decline monetary support. In addition to the aforementioned donations, Diane S made a motion that was seconded by Donna B to cap the FOL community donations at \$1,500 annually. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report was read and reviewed by Barb G. Debbie R made a motion to approve the report with Mary H second. Motion carried.

**Librarian's Report:** Annette read and reviewed the librarian's report. Discussion was had about the non-resident library card program. As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, the fee for a non-resident library card will be \$118. Students K – 12 non-residents can, by law, receive a library card free of charge. It was agreed to continue to fund the program at the amount approved in 2022 for \$3,500 per year. Columbia was not selected for the Best Small Library in America award. The Columbia Public Library is accepting donations for books. It was decided not to have special hours or days for teachers during a Book Sale. Document Shred is Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be requested. Library Newsletter was discussed and praised by members. Copies are available if you did not receive one at your home. Aspen Discovery will be a new search tool that aims to help the way material items are searched for. Crystal reported that through April 2024 there have been 76 programs with 1,210 in attendance. Take Your Child to the Library day was a success and 271 attended in two hours. For National Library Week items were donated and raffled off at the library. An additional gift was purchased for staff. Social media was host to a trivia contest and prizes were given away for participation. The Summer Reading Program "Adventure Begins at Your Library" was discussed in depth. The program runs from 05.18.2024 – 07.27.2024 with the kick-off event on 05.18. Local Author Showcase, Discovery Science Family Night, Butterfly Encounters and collecting passports were discussed as volunteer opportunities. Kellie E will send out an email with sign up dates and times. Summer reading t-shirts for the first 200 kids that sign up for summer reading will be available. Half of the shirt was donated by C.R.O.W.N. A motion was made by Elieen T (second by JoAnne O) to fund up to \$1,000 to cover the other half of the t-shirts. Motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:** Continue to look out for Columbia Library's quarterly newsletter and FOL member Rebecca Hunt's program. Much love and support was shared for both.

**New Business:** Welcome new FOL member Kate Pfeffer! FOL t-shirts and merch were briefly discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17p. The next meeting is on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.