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KFL Friends Meeting Minutes- 8/31/26

Attending- Kat Boucher, President; Risa Oganessoff Heersche, Vice President; Cheryl McCarthy, Liaison to Trustees; Liz Hamel, Recorder; Laura Dauphinais, Trustee; Michelle Connors, Library Director; Allison Atkins, Asst. Library Director; Michele Butler-Parr; Gene Parr; Katherine Gilbert; Jean Irvine; Jen Izbicki; Sue Patterson; Jim Perry, Trustee; Pete Quinn; Deb Redding-Sampson; Diana Rush.

Call to Order-532pm.

1. Welcome & Introductions- Kat opened the meeting by requesting that members introduce themselves to the group.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes- 4/6/26

Motion to accept the minutes by Risa; second by Deb. Vote unanimous to accept.

3. Old Business-

a. Book Sorting Committee Update- In Peg's absence, Kat reported Better World Books sales: July-Dec 2025- \$159.75; Jan- June 2026- \$201.81. Kevin(Giddyworm)- 5/4/26- \$273.14; 8/20/26- \$402.96; Kelly 3/31/26- \$500; 8/30/26- \$551 of which one book sold for \$50, one for \$35, five for \$30 each & four for \$25 each. Kat pointed out these vendor sales are well worth our efforts as they achieve higher rates of return than our own book sales. Lynn Eaton is moving out of the area so we are down a Friday am book sorter. Peg will compile an updated list of changes in vendor requirements for ease of our process during sorting.

b. Membership- Michelle reported we currently have 58 Friends members.

c. May Day Sales- 5/2/26- \$725. ; Blueberry Festival Sales- 7/25/26- \$856.

d. Seashore Trolley Museum ice cream social sales- 7/29/26- \$437.

e. Arundel Heritage Day planning- 9/19/26. Sarah has prearranged for the event but cannot attend. Liz & Risa will be taking the lead in Sarah's absence. The event is in its second year; shifts are two hours. A coupon is issued to each attendee & many were redeemed last year by Arundel residents at KFL making the event a worthy community outreach. Packing of tables & materials will take place Friday, 9/18/26, likely 330-430pm. Judy Pitchforth has volunteered her truck for the transport & Liz will coordinate final details w/she & Sarah. A paper sign up is available for shift volunteers on the day at this meeting & an email will follow once details are finalized.

f. West K Fun Day- Deb reported the event was held Sat, 8/1/26 at the Dorothy Stevens building, there were approximately 100 attendees, books were given away from 3-7p & happy recipients were reported. This event was not a fund raiser.

4. New Business-

- a. Budget- Michelle reviewed the budget for fiscal year '26 final & '27 draft. One change is an increase in estimated income due to the wreath sales being handled by Friends ; Friends are taking it over; pricing & sales numbers are unknown. Michelle will be in touch w/ the vendor today re: pricing and delivery date. Questions were asked from the floor & answered by Michelle. Cheryl motioned & Jim seconded accepting the proposed budget for fiscal year '27. Vote unanimous to approve.
- b. Election Planning- Kat reported the current leadership team terms will end 12/31/26. Elections will be held at the next Friends meeting on 11/2/26. Cheryl will be formally voted in as a liaison, a position she has already held this year. Jean Irvine has volunteered to be a second liaison. Sarah has volunteered to become Vice President & Liz will remain as recorder if there are no new interested candidates. Kat will remain in her position for one year. There were no nominations from the floor but Kat & Risa invited questions & nominations prior to our November voting meeting. The leadership team will look at changing the bylaws this year to include a past president role as advisor to incoming officers.
- c. Harvest Book Sale- 10/17/26- details to follow.
- d. Wreath Sale- event to be led by the Friends for the first time this year; anticipated pick up date- Sat, 11/21/26, volunteers sought 8a-12p. A paper sign up was circulated this meeting & a follow up email will be sent when details are finalized. Flyer distribution will be conducted in early October & volunteers will be sought for these pre planned routes as well.
- e. Library Updates- 1. Michelle thanked the Friends for our participation in the many fundraisers including the Book sales, pop ups, 5 K & community events. 2. The library has faced some logistical & financial challenges with a sink hole in the parking lot in June & HVAC issues requiring remediation. 3. Allison reported it has been a busy summer for well attended adult & children's programs culminating with the ice cream social. 4. Michelle reported the decision has been made to lease the commercial office space on the first floor of the Fletcher St building for a maximum of two years as the library's expansion plans for the building haven't been finalized yet & may take two years to complete once final decisions have been made.

5. Remaining 2026 Book Sales & Other Events-

- a. Arundel Heritage Day- 9/19/26
- b. Harvest Fest Book Sale- 10/17/26

Note- The Friends annual meeting & election will be in person (via zoom) on Nov 2, 2026 at the library, 530-630pm.

6. Adjournment- Deb motioned to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Hamel, Recorder