

Richmond County Public Library
Minutes—March 11, 2008

Members present:

Sally King, Vice-Chair
Jane Kemper, Treasurer
Billy Herbert
Ed Marks
Becky Marks

Vivian Davis
Mercer O'Hara
Margaret Kurtz

Also present:
Felicia Purdey, Librarian
Becky Marks, FOL President

S. King called the meeting to order at 4:04, extended a special welcome to new board member Margaret Kurtz, and verified that each new board member had the library's five year plan and library trustee information materials to review.

M. O'Hara asked about the library system in use at RCC. F. Purdey stated that the classification system is Library of Congress, used in academic libraries, rather than the more familiar Dewey system used in public libraries. One drawback is its treatment of fiction, wherein authors are shelved by nationality. B. Marks suggested that signage would help, as patrons have no idea that British authors are not shelved together with American authors.

S. King called for a review of the January 14th minutes, which were read and approved.

J. Kemper reported that the next quarterly transfer of money to the college would total \$31,182.07. This leaves enough for all library operations through the end of the fiscal year. She and L. Taylor will send the letter requesting transfer. The motion to transfer funds (\$31,182.07) was made by S. King and seconded by B. Herbert.

J. Kemper polled the board about the \$500 gift made by Nancy Foster, Big Drawing winner, as a tribute to Carolyn Gray. It was decided that this amount was to be included in the Big Drawing total and invested in the RCPL endowment. The motion was made by S. King and seconded by B. Herbert.

F. Purdey reported on a number of outreach events: Black History Month celebration, and two events organized by Joan Winter: Women's History Month (March 20th) and an art show kicked off with "Breakfast with the Arts" on April 14th. The Board approved a \$200 expenditure for essay contest prizes as part of the county's "Big Read" of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. J. Kemper made the motion, seconded by M. Kurtz. The Library has been awarded a \$1,050 grant for children's books with a \$350 match required by a local donor. B. Marks indicated she would bring this information to the next RCC Friends meeting.

S. King shared a letter written to Dr. Tresia Samani (after a January meeting with her) to discuss library staffing and the need for a full-time campus librarian.

It was agreed that the new meeting time will be the second Tuesday of each month and that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8th at 4:00.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15.

