

**Friends of the Arlington Public Library Minutes of Annual Meeting  
June 15, 2015 6:30 PM Central Library**

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:42 PM, Present: Kimberly Reinhard-President; Kate Summers-Vice President; Nada Sulaiman-Secretary; David Evans-Central Representative; Susan Glaize-Plaza Representative; David Coia-Glencarlyn Representative; Linda Goldberg-Aurora Hills Representative; Eugene Burns-Shirlington Representative; Judy Ahrenholz-Columbia Pike Representative, Lynwood Sinnamon, FOAL Member, Shari Henry-Library Staff, FOAL members and the public.
- II. **Remarks of President:** Kimberly began by presenting an overview of the year.
- a. She highlighted Arlington Reads' *Black Lives Matter* theme, which drew standing room only crowds with authors like Jessamyn Ward and Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Like tonight's visitor, these are the acclaimed authors the Friends are happy to bring to our Library.
  - b. In addition, Kimberly stated that tickets would soon be on sale for this fall's Alice In Wonderland Lit Up Ball. The Lit Up Ball will take place in the Clarendon Ballroom in 2016. Tickets may be purchased using PayPal on the Friends website [www.arlingtonlibraryfriends.org](http://www.arlingtonlibraryfriends.org). Memberships and membership renewals may also be completed online.
  - c. Kimberly announced that this year the Friends are excited to announce an adult summer reading program. The Friends summer reading program will include both adults and children. For every child or adult who completes Summer Reading once, the Friends will donate \$1 to Arlington's local charity, The Reading Connection.
  - d. Kimberly stated that he Friends continue to sponsor many exciting programs such as the Commuter Book Club, Books on Tap, Shut Up and Write Author Series and Adult Recess (which is coming up July 30<sup>th</sup>). In addition, she announced that the Third Annual Puzzle Fest is scheduled for Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>. The Arlington Puzzle Fest is a celebration of words, logic, numbers and thinking. It's a place to meet other puzzle fanatics in a friendly, fun and enjoyable atmosphere. All proceeds support Library programs and initiatives, and development of the Library's collection.
  - e. Kimberly reported that in the past fiscal year, the Friends have held two book sales, which grossed \$175,000 (an increase over last year's \$169,000).
  - f. Kimberly stated that he Friends would love to have volunteers for this fall's book sale. She asked people to please visit the Friends website [www.arlingtonlibraryfriends.org](http://www.arlingtonlibraryfriends.org) for more information on how to get

involved. The Friends are specifically looking for volunteers who (1) are familiar with books, fiction and nonfiction; (2) can commit 6-8 hours a week; (3) can do some lifting, unpacking of donations, and packing of priced books (but heavy lifting is taken care of by a hired staff member); (4) can learn to use a computer for internet price searching and; (5) enjoy working with other people as well as books! If the Friends do not replace volunteers who have left the team for retirement or professional commitments, the future of our Friends book sales and bookstore could be very uncertain, and without the sale of donated books, the Friends would lose a great amount of income that supports Library programs. Kimberly stated that the Friends have nearly 2000 members in our database with a little less than 1,000 Members as active. Don't forget to renew your membership!

- III. **Friends Board Elections:** Kimberly noted that the Friends want to thank our departing board member Barbara Goldstein who served brilliantly for years as both a board member, Vice President, and Book Sale Coordinator. Kimberly stated that the Friends Treasurer's Report is usually given by the Treasurer Eva Griffeth, who is unfortunately home with a recently broken leg.
- IV. David Coia announced the slate of board candidates: President: Kimberly Reinhard; Vice President: Kate Summers; Treasurer: Eva Griffeth; Secretary: Nada Sulaiman. David asked if anyone else would like to run for any of the board positions, no one came forward. David made a motion to accept the slate of candidates. Susan Glaze seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Annual Meeting Program:** Kimberly stated that this program is being recorded by Arlington TV, so she asked people to please speak into the microphone during the Q&A so they get the question and not just the answer. She announced that people could purchase a copy of the book and Mr. Wilber would stay to sign copies. Kimberly introduced the evening's featured guest, Del Quentin Wilber. Mr. Wilber is a reporter for Bloomberg News covering the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security. Before joining Bloomberg early last year, he was a reporter at the Washington Post and Baltimore Sun. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and a massive Big Ten football and basketball fan. *Rawhide Down*, a New York Times bestseller published in 2011 to critical acclaim, was his first book. He is at work on another book, *A Good Month for Murder*, which chronicles homicide detectives in Prince George's County. Thereafter, the every one enjoyed Mr. Wilber's presentation followed by a Q&A session.
- VI. Meeting adjourned.