

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 26, 2022 / 4PM-5PM / VENICE BRANCH LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

ATTENDEES

Board Members: Linda Martinek, President; Bert Fallon, Shelley Hochberg, Anne Taylor

FoVL Members: Kay Bailey and Monnie Fanning

REPORTING

The President, Linda Martinek, started the meeting at 4:15pm welcoming members to the first (and possibly last) FoVL Book Sale Preview Party and explained what an annual meeting is and why we have one every year - to inform our constituents on the status of the Friends and how we've supported the Venice Branch throughout the year and what we plan to do next year. She reported on how the Venice Branch has bounced back with full-time hours and in-person and on-line activities - The Open House in September and the Marianne Wiggins Author Event in October.

Financials

- The President stated that the FoVL Financials were in good shape. Our 2021 End of Year Membership Drive did very well and programs were slow to get going so costs were down, but the Friends are in a good position to carry on the branch's goals for the coming year.

Voting on Minutes of last year's Annual Board Meeting

- The membership voted unanimously to approve the minutes from last year's annual meeting on Dec., 11, 2021.

Voting on Board of Directors for next year

- Nominations from the floor were requested and Monnie nominated the current slate of the board of directors which was motioned, seconded and voted in unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS: Still need to determine future Book Sale dates.

NOTES

- The attendee wondered if she could purchase books via PayPal or Square. We worked it out through the PayPal Giving Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25

Discussion after the meeting centered around the homeless crisis at the library this last summer and how Monnie was scared to come to the library because of it. Also, we gave Monnie a free signed copy of last year's annual meeting children's book about Venice - THE CIRCUS AT THE END OF THE SEA BY LORI R. SNYDER - She will give to her nephew or niece.