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## MINUTES OF 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

President Coralie Farlee called the annual meeting of Friends of Southwest DC (FOS) to order on March 17, 2015, at 4:00 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street, SW.

The other members of the Board of Directors introduced themselves: CW Hargraves, Treasurer; Joyce Bouvier, Secretary; Farley Fisher, Cecilie Jones, Rodney Ross, and Jean Sammon. Attendees, including representatives of grantee organizations and donors, introduced themselves.

Coralie Farlee summarized 2014 accomplishments, including an increase in the number of donors. She thanked Donald Flanders, who had recently retired from the Board, for his long service to FOS which began when the organization was founded as River Park Friends when Donald was President of River Park Mutual Homes, Inc. .

Jean Sammon spoke of the FOS outreach to the Southwest community and announced two vacancies on the Board.

Presentations concerning grants were the highlights of the meeting. In all cases, FOS grants benefit Southwest residents; in most cases our youth.

Julia Malecki and Rebecca Campana of Arena Stage described the two programs FOS helped support, Camp Arena Stage, a two-week summer program for youth, and Voices of Now, an after-school program with participants from Jefferson Middle School.

Brian McNally of DC Sail, which received a grant for multiple scholarships for a two-week program on the tall ship American Spirit, described that program.

Emma Ward of EmmaUS has taken Southwest Youth on educational trips to Philadelphia for several years, thanks to FOS grants. She told of the success she had in adding a visit for them to the National Archives prior to going to Philadelphia.

Jane Harley of Kemet Productions described the Hal Jackson Washington Bears' "How to Be a Man" mentoring program for young African-American men. It offers an educational and broadcasting opportunity, providing experience with internet radio.

Vyllorya Evans and Thelma Jones represented the Youth Activities Task Force of SWNA, which received funding from FOS for two \$1,500 scholarships in 2014.

Paul Taylor reported on "Summer in Lansburgh Park," sponsored by the Southwest Comm-Unity Forum and aided by an FOS grant.

The Southwest Girl Scouts troop benefitted from its first FOS grant in early 2015, and troop leader, Monica Evans told of the planned overnight camp-out trip to experience life on the Underground Railroad. The trip had been "snowed out" a couple weeks before, but had been rescheduled.

Perry Klein spoke of computer centers at Greenleaf and Syphax funded by FOS in early 2015. He was thanked for his service in facilitating the distribution of FOS brochures in The Southwester.

Board member Rod Ross ended the meeting citing plans for continuing growth of FOS, thanking Dr. Farlee for her work as president, and thanking Jean Sammon for her work on the FOS website.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Joyce Bouvier, Secretary

Minutes approved by FOS Board, March 7, 2016