Attending: Josef Beery, Bonnie Bernstein, Addeane Caelleigh, Janet Eden, Erica Goldfarb, Lyall Harris, Lotta Helleberg, Nancy Kober, Lana Lambert, Kevin McFadden, Garrett Queen

Members annual project. Lana reported that there have been two workdays recently and another is scheduled for September 30, when prototypes are due. Paper and ink are in, and Lotta has created book cloth. The edition will be 40 books.

Amos Kennedy event. Josef reported on the plans for Amos Kennedy’s presentation on September 24 – 1:00-3:00. Josef and others will hang examples of Kennedy’s work in the hallway, and members will handle setting up the room and providing snacks and drinks for the reception afterwards. A brief bio will be prepared to hand out to attendees.

Block Night. Lana reported that “hosting” sign-ups are set until November.

Book Arts Center renovations. Garrett reported that everything has been done except that the storage originally planned has not been installed, because the funding ran out. Josef and others will work on using previous storage units.

Virginia Humanities Board Meeting. Garrett reported that the board met at the Book Arts Center on September 7-8. Kalela, Garrett, and Lana did a presentation that went well. The next day, a printing demo along with a show & tell was provided.

New coordinator position. Emmy Thacker has been hired. She will take over several communications tasks for Book Arts, but decisions about her total responsibilities have not yet been finalized.

Book Bash. The event is scheduled for November 2, and the Virginia Humanities development staff are working on auction items. Attendance fees are the primary fundraising vehicle. Publicity will be more extensive than in the past.
Committee breakdown and membership. Erica reported that the members who have volunteered to serve on the four committees are

--Events: Bonnie, Erica, Nancy, Kevin, Lana, and Josef

--Annual group project: Bonnie, Lana, Nancy, Josef

--Membership: Nancy, Erica, Josef

--Education: Janet, Lyall, Lotta, Addeane, Yolanda, Josef

Upcoming classes. Garrett reported on the wide range of classes lined up for now until the winter. There was discussion of the role of the education committee, which should focus on identifying instructors and topics. There was also general consensus that the education committee should work approximately six months ahead—that is, the committee should, for example, work now on classes for spring and summer of 2024. Garrett explained about the possibilities and difficulties of paying for special instructors to come in from outside the region.

Wayzgoose. Erica reported that it does not seem that there will be a Wayzgoose event this year. In other discussion during the meeting, the idea was put forward that it could be turned into a spring 2024 event (more or less celebrating putting away the candles rather than bringing them out in the fall).

Next meeting: Monday, November 6, 5:00-6:00 pm by Zoom.