

Minutes

Friends of the Lincoln Library Board Meeting, June 14, 2022
Willow Room Twelve Bridges Library, 10:30-12:00
[for approval on July 12, 2022]

I. Call to Order: President Jo Jones called the meeting to order.

II. Welcome/Introductions

III. Flag Salute

IV. Note for the Record: The FOLL Board approved by email (May 11, 2022) the purchase of a laptop computer and webcam, cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.

V. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2022, board meeting: Karen Lindh moved and Gloria Pilotti-Irey seconded the minutes be approved. Passed.

VI. Library Report – Sam Schlafer reported the staff is in the second week of Summer Reading, with 902 readers as of this morning and a goal of 1,000 readers across all ages (which they will reach). Squid Day is next Tuesday. Lots of community readers, lots of energy.

VII. Officer/Director Reports

A. President Jo Jones – no report.

B. Vice President Karen Allen – absent.

C. Secretary Jeri Ferris – no report.

D. Treasurer Gloria Pilotti-Irey – reported May revenue of \$7,656, mainly from Big Day of Giving (total BDOG \$13,000) and book sales; and May expenses, \$6,514, mainly book and magazine purchases, Hoopla, and new laptop.

Gloria's reports in full are filed separately.

E. Book Sales Director Sharon Gorley – reported \$1,200 income from the June 11 big book sale; she thanked the many helpers who made it a success. Total income from book sales thus far in 2022, \$8,000. Sharon says we will meet her goal of \$18,000 for the year. Linda M. says the Venmo payment app was very popular.

F. Community Outreach Director Linda Derosier – reported another busy month: she continues to attend Chamber breakfasts, Downtown Lincoln activities, and gave two library tours on May 11. FOLL has been invited to participate in the summer concert series in Beerman Plaza and in Movies Under the Stars. She passed sign-up sheets for manning the tables at these events. Next event may be the Lincoln Hills Farmers Market, still discussing the \$30 vendor fee (we are not vendors). The May 24 Creekside Oak tour for 3rd graders was a great success. Teresa Lai Stanislaw asked if library cards can only be issued by staff members - answer: so far, yes. Sharon asked how the library is doing with its goal of 10,000 new cards - answer: at a wonderful 6,000 now. Linda D. demonstrated the very popular game FOLL has available at events and described the prizes given. The latest *Discover Lincoln* magazine has Karen L's article on FOLL front and center. The latest *Lincoln News Messenger* has an article on the mural featuring our own Shirley Russell and its history of graffiti and repair. On June 27, Team Linda + Sharon will give a library tour to 5 adults and 12 children.

G. Grants Director Teresa Stanislaw – reported she submitted a grant application for \$30,000 to the Union Pacific Foundation on May 17 to purchase and install a library locker in downtown Lincoln. UPF's response is due by September 2022. If the full amount of the grant is not funded, FOLL may be asked to fund all or part of the remainder. Teresa is waiting to hear from the Whitney Pinkerton Fund regarding the \$750 grant application to update the library's collection of Nolo Press Self-Help law books. The decision has been delayed, WPF says, because of an unprecedented number of grant applications. Teresa says the May 24 school tour was the first using the \$1,500 grant from the Lincoln Community Foundation to pay for buses; the first Senior Digital Library Training, April 25, was a success and an identical training may be scheduled for a downtown venue.

H. Hospitality Director Whitney Eklund – asked if FOLL needs any more volunteers - answer: yes, for late afternoon. Whitney is working on recruiting these volunteers. Linda D. suggested she invite potential volunteers to our board meetings so they understand the importance of their work. Gloria says she will review the volunteers' responses and work with Whitney.

I. Membership Director Linda Morley - reported 4 new members in May, now a total of 297 members. Her campaign efforts continue, and she has designed a new promo, "10 Reasons to Join FOLL."

J. Newsletter Director Karen Lindh – reported the July newsletter will include articles on June events; summer activities; book sales; Squid Day. Her Meet the Friends subject will be Gloria, with a focus on summer reading. The newsletter goes to almost 1,000 subscribers and keeps growing.

K. Website & Social Media Director Lynne Rossi – absent.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Library Open House, October 1 - Linda D. and Whitney are waiting for the staff to call a meeting.

B. 2022-2025 Strategic Plan - Gloria reports the first committee meeting is set for next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

IX. None

NEW BUSINESS:

X. November FOLL Membership Meeting: Room Location and Date - November 15, 10-2, in the Willow Room, actual meeting probably 10:30-1.

XI. Open Discussion, General Announcements and Closing Comments - Linda M. invited all to the Lincoln Hills fine art show beginning Friday, June 17, in the Orchard Creek Ballroom. Some of Linda's works will be on display.

XII. Adjournment – Next Meeting, July 12 in Willow Room, 10:30-12:00

Attendance:

Board Members: Linda Derosier, Whitney Eklund, Jeri Chase Ferris, Sharon Gorley, Jo Jones, Karen Lindh, Linda Morley, Gloria Pilotti-Irey, Teresa Lai Stanislaw, and Past President Mary Nader

Library Staff: Sam Schlafer

Members and visitors: none

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary