

## **Minutes**

Friends of the Lincoln Library Board Meeting, August 10, 2021  
Willow Room, 10:30-12:00  
[for approval on September 14, 2021]

I. Call to Order: President Mary Nader called the meeting to order.

II. Welcome/Introductions

III. Flag Salute

IV. Note for Record: FOLL held closed session on August 5, 2021.

V. Note for Record: FOLL Board approval by email on July 28, 2021 of \$2,660,44 for cabinet and shelving purchase for FOLL office.

VI. ACTION ITEM: Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2021 board meeting: Wanda Melilli moved and Lynne Rossi seconded the minutes be approved. Passed.

VII. Library Report, Kathryn Hunt (Sam Schlafer and Tonie Jenkins reporting) – the new high school opens next week. Sam and Tonie thanked the Friends for providing “teen space” which will make the teens welcome in what Sam calls “a destination for cool books.” They are planning TEENtober (October) with many events, including a Trivia game, “Harry Potter vs. Star Wars Day,” and “The Battle of the Books!” Sam and Tonie prepared a wonderfully informative flyer – “What’s next at the Lincoln Public Library!” Sam requested the Friends support these events financially. Discussion.

VIII. Officer/Director Reports

A. President Mary Nader – reported briefly on her tour of the new high school; there will be a public tour soon. Mary and Gloria brought up the parking issue at the recent LAB/LAC meeting. Sally Peterson asked if the recycling boxes will be moved. Answer – no plans, “wait and see,” we need to speak up at city meetings.

B. Vice President Jo Jones – no report.

C. Secretary Jeri Ferris – no report.

D. Treasurer Gloria Plotti-Irey – reported revenue to date exceeds expenses by \$4,485 and “we’re doing well.” Total July revenue: \$5,660, with significant revenue from book sales, donations, and LHF grant; significant expenses in July for EBSCO and Brainfuse. For today’s visitors Gloria briefly described these on-line resources which can even be accessed from a patron’s home computer, with a library card.

Gloria's reports in full are filed separately.

E. Book Sales Director Sharon Gorley – reported July sales of \$2,241 with \$1,326 from daily sales, \$670 from ebay, and \$245 other sales; already over the goal she set for this year. She has two new volunteers: Sally Bjorge (new to us but a long-time shelving volunteer) and Lauri English (may not start until September). Our next big book sale is November 6, 2021.

F. Grants Director Linda Derosier – reported receiving the third installment of the \$5,000 grant from the Lincoln Hills Foundation for large print and audio books, and the Lincoln Community Foundation has kindly extended through 2022 its grant of \$1,500 for school tours not used in 2021 due to Covid.

G. Hospitality Director Wanda Melilli – no report.

H. Membership Director Linda Morley – reported 310 members, and a \$2,000 donation from one unnamed member. She will take pictures of the Oct. 18 library SCLH group tour and the Oct. 19 teen tour. Working on lobby signs. She contacted SCLH regarding a FOLL membership table at a future new resident orientation, but was told it is only open to community organizations. Also, we cannot put FOLL membership information up in the Kilaga Springs library.

I. Newsletter Director (open position) – Gloria reports over 800 subscribers to the newsletter. The September newsletter will include an interview with the new district library technician who will be working in the back room; an article on the SCLH Garden Club (they care for our plantings); an article on open board positions; an article by Linda Derosier on the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The Newsletter Director position is open, and Gloria says she will be happy to work with/for someone. She plans to stay on as newsletter editor.

J. Website & Social Media Director Lynne Rossi – reported all is running smoothly. Lynne will set up a Zoom meeting for any of us as needed.

K. Community Outreach Director (open position) – Linda D. reported she gave a tour last week to Lynn Estabrook, an original founding member of FOLL, now living in Sacramento but who just rejoined the Friends. Lynn wrote the first grant

for FOLL, for its first computer. Linda D. attended the Lincoln Chamber breakfast held at the Women's Club; and invited all to our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on October 23; she held up a colorful ½ page ad in Discover Lincoln magazine which says "Welcome Back to the Library!" and showed off handsome free FOLL water bottles. Linda D. introduced Dottie Doctor and Patti Covey from the Kiwanis Club of Lincoln Foothills, who described their signature project, providing medical/dental/optical care for the less-fortunate children in Lincoln. She asked for FOLL's help in their upcoming events – have a table, provide free books, have volunteers there to read to the children. They also hope eventually to work with Phoenix (alternative) High School students. They are not yet advertising their events to the community; they are looking for sponsors. Discussion.

#### IX. Committee Reports

A. 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Annual Meeting – Mary reported the Lincoln High School choir is scheduled to sing, but it depends upon what mask mandates are in place at the time. Date: Saturday, October 23, 5-6 p.m.

X. Comments from members and others related to FOLL matters – are the teens referred to by FOLL only those in the new high school? Answer – No, the library and FOLL programs are open to all teens.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

XI. None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

XII. ACTION ITEM: Community Outreach Director resignation – Mary read Kathy Snelson's letter of resignation effective August 1, which she has regretfully accepted. Linda M. moved and Jeri seconded that the Board accept Kathy's resignation. Passed (sadly).

XIII. Leads for Library Tours, Kiwanis Club of Lincoln Foothills Children's Health Fair, Friends of the Library Week, and Holiday Parade. Discussion, including the following: Linda D. suggested giving out a certificate for a free book instead of giving out an actual book. This will bring kids to the library. Linda D. said FOLL will discuss with library staff and SCHOOLS SCLH about providing a booth, readers, certificates for the Kiwanis Health Fair when it occurs. Need to be sure FOLL is recognized. Linda M. will lead the Friends of the Library Week. Linda D. will be the lead for Library Tours and the Kiwanis Club activities. Lynne will be the Holiday Parade lead.

XIV. Appoint Nomination Committee – Mary said we need two board members and two members-at-large on the committee. Jo, as vice-president, will head the committee. Mary and Gloria will be the board members; Karen Allen will be one of the members-at-large, need one more. Sharon will run again for Book Sales Director; Mary, Jo, and Wanda are not running again. Terms begin in January and run for two years. Gloria will have information on the open positions in the September Newsletter.

XV. Adjournment – Next Meeting, September 14, 2021, Willow Room, 10:30-12.

Attendance:

Library Staff: Sam Schlafer, Tonie Jenkins

Board Members: Mary Nader, Linda Derosier, Jeri Chase Ferris, Sharon Gorley, Jo Jones, Wanda Melilli, Linda Morley, Gloria Pilotti-Irey, Lynne Rossi

Members and visitors: Judy Presnall, Sheryl Talley, Patti Covey, Dottie Doctor, Sally Peterson, Dawna Hawksworth

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary