

## Minutes

Friends of the Lincoln Library Board Meeting, July 13, 2021  
Willow Room, 10:30-12:15  
[for approval on August 10, 2021]

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

II. Welcome/Introductions

III. ACTION ITEM: Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2021 meeting: Wanda Melilli moved and Jo Jones seconded the minutes be approved. Passed.

IV. Library Report, Kathryn Hunt (Sam Schlafer reporting) – Summer Reading already has almost 700 readers; the Mystery Book Club will resume in person in August and other in-person book clubs will be returning in September; two author events are scheduled for September, one in-person on September 8, and another one virtual; MGOL is now scheduled for 10-11 a.m. on Thursdays. Linda Derosier asked if student bussing for library tours will resume. Sam did not know.

V. Officer/Director Reports

A. President Mary Nader – will report on 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program later in meeting; she has located an original FOLL member, Lynn Estabrook, who has many stories to tell.

B. Vice President Jo Jones – no report.

C. Secretary Jeri Ferris – no report.

D. Treasurer Gloria Plotti-Irey – reported \$6,769 revenue for June, with “not much expense,” and a healthy bank account balance of \$165,865. We will pay \$17,000 for BrainFuse and EBSCO. Kathryn has said not to renew the Gale Testing databases, as a lot of its material will be covered by the new high school's databases which library clientele may use. However, the job testing material will be missing and we may need to purchase some hardcover books for this.

Gloria's reports in full are filed separately.

E. Book Sales Director Sharon Gorley – report read by Mary – Daily book sales for June, \$1029.50, ebay sales \$355, other sales \$125, for a total of \$1509.50. We have a new volunteer, Teresa Jacobsen. Sharon and Linda D. worked for more

than 7 hours last Saturday, clearing and cleaning to make space for the 3 employees who will be in the back room when the high school opens. They also dealt with a massive number of book donations. Linda Morley says the SCLH Kilaga Springs library donates hundreds of books to FOLL, many of which FOLL then donates to Rachel LaForest (in SCLH). Rachel will now pick up books directly from Kilaga.

F. Community Outreach Director Kathy Snelson – reported Linda D. is helping her with community outreach by, among other help, attending the Chamber breakfasts and the Downtown Lincoln Association meetings. On August 18 Linda D. will give ten people from SCLH a guided tour of the library complete with goodie bags and ending at the book sale shelves. Linda D. is writing a series celebrating FOLL's history for our newsletter, which Kathy is sending to the News Messenger. Kathy continues to send out information to potential business sponsors; the Esplanade development on 193 is still only model homes; 60 Doorknob bags remain, and we will possibly hand them out in September. Lastly, and sadly, Kathy is retiring from her position due to family needs. She will be incredibly missed.

G. Grants Director Linda Derosier – reported concern about resumption of the school tours, paid for with a Lincoln Community Foundation grant which may expire if not used by end of 2021. When LCF contacts her, she will explain why tours delayed (Covid!).

H. Hospitality Director Wanda Melilli – reported she and Lynne Rossi moved expiring sodas to the break room for all to enjoy.

I. Membership Director Linda Morley – reported 308 members. At the request of a board member, she is working on spotlights to illuminate the plaques in the lobby. Issue is battery life; will ask staff to turn off and on; decision – lights on only for events. Linda M. is reaching out to the Lifestyle Coordinator at SCLH so we can have a table at upcoming Expos. She got permission to put a FOLL brochure rack in the SCLH Kilaga Springs library.

J. Newsletter Director (open position) – Gloria reports 830 subscribers to the newsletter, 15 by mail. The August newsletter will include articles on new hours; Summer Reading Program; FOLL pays for BrainFuse and other on-line sites; an interview; 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Mary pointed out 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.

K. Website & Social Media Director Lynne Rossi – report read by Mary: Lynne says she has discovered issues with the website and will be doing a major update this

weekend. Please report any problems to her. BDOG raised \$11,675.81 net this year, and Linda D. pointed out that FOLL was the *only* local library friends group that met its goal (not counting Sacramento which has a different base entirely). Lynne thanked the team of ten who helped reach this goal.

## VI. Committee Reports

A. 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Annual Meeting – Wanda will buy pre-wrapped packets of cookies and goldfish, and will have small water bottles (to be recycled, Mary says). Linda D. showed an 8 x 12 example of a large colorful poster to be displayed in the library lobby, at the Lincoln City Hall, and in the glass case outside the City Hall. Linda D. is interviewing Shirley Russell (joined in 2000), Lynn Estabrook (the founder of FOLL, 1986), and Dolores Martinez. She is searching for material on the early days of FOLL, which is difficult to find. Kathy will emcee the Anniversary celebration, which will include speakers and the Lincoln High School choir. Activities will take place in the Rotunda and the Willow Room. Linda M. will take photos. Date: Saturday, October 23, 5-6 p.m.

VII. Comments from members and others related to FOLL matters – none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VIII. None

NEW BUSINESS:

IX. Short discussion on upcoming election for Board officers; Jo Jones as Vice President to head nominating committee.

X. General Announcements and Closing Comments – None

XI. Not-on-agenda Item – “Should Poets’ Club of Lincoln continue as a ‘FOLL supported’ program?” Discussion. Gloria will contact Alan Lowe of the Poets’ Club to begin discussion of the future of our relationship.

XII. Adjournment – Next meeting, August 10, 10:30 a.m., Willow Room.

Attendance:

Library Staff: Sam Schlafer

Board Members: Mary Nader, Linda Derosier, Jeri Chase Ferris, Jo Jones, Wanda Melilli, Linda Morley, Gloria Pilotti-Irey, Kathy Snelson

Members and visitors: Judy Presnall, Teresa Lai Stanislaw

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary