

## Minutes

Friends of the Lincoln Library Board Meeting, June 9, 2021

Zoom, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

[for approval on July 14, 2021]

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. ACTION ITEM: Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2021 meeting: Lynne Rossi moved and Sharon Gorley seconded the minutes be approved. Passed.

IV. Library Report, Kathryn Hunt – reported the Summer Reading program (using Bean Stack) began June 1, with 400+ readers signed up in only ten days. Kathryn thanked FOLL for providing this program. The Twelve Bridges High School was dedicated on June 8 and will open on August 19; Kathryn will meet with Principal Maul on Monday regarding a tour for the library staff and FOLL after July 1. The new City budget increased the library hours during the school year as follows: 9-5 Monday-Thursday, 9-3 Friday, 11-5 Saturday. The high school's library technician will have a desk in the back room. Kathryn is working with Sharon on what desks can be used by high school staff.

Mary and Jeri inquired about the posters we placed in Lincoln business windows – are they being scanned? Kathryn – she doesn't have the numbers yet, but yes. Linda M. inquired as to whether there has been an increase in library card applications as a result of the Door Knob campaign. Yes, but slight so far.

V. Officer/Director Reports

A. President Mary Nader – no report.

B. Vice President Jo Jones – no report.

C. Secretary Jeri Ferris – no report.

D. Treasurer Gloria Plotti-Irey – reported \$7,565 income for May, which does not include BDOG online contributions, with \$1,967 in expenses. In June we renew Brain Fuse (homework and job help sites) at an annual cost of \$6,800. Gloria will check with Kathryn as to what on-line resources the high school uses, to see if we can join together and thus reduce expenses. Gloria asked Kathryn if she needs any more Summer Reading books and Kathryn said they are well stocked, so we probably will not use the full \$2,000 budgeted.

Gloria's reports in full are filed separately.

E. Book Sales Director Sharon Gorley – reported May sales of \$902 from daily, ebay, and Fred sales. Lots of book donations and we are running out of room to hold and sort them. We must cede three desks to new high school staff.

F. Community Outreach Director Kathy Snelson – reported eight free book and seven free craft coupons from the Door Knob Project have been used thus far. Perhaps we will deliver more bags to the new developments along 193 in the fall. FOLL donated 132 new K-5 books to a Kiwanis Lincoln Foothills project, with a donation sticker from FOLL/library and library flyer inside. A group of ten has requested a library tour on August 18, 10 a.m. FOLL will participate in the National Friends of the Library week and in the Lincoln Holiday Parade. Linda Morley asked if Kathy wants photos of the August 18 tour – response, “yes!” Discussion on need to get permission for photos to be posted on-line.

G. Grants Director Linda Derosier – absent, and no report.

H. Hospitality Director Wanda Melilli – no report.

I. Membership Director Linda Morley – reported three new members and five renewals in May, with \$470 income from membership.

J. Newsletter Director (open position) – Gloria reported the July newsletter will include an article with input from Kathryn on the new high school, new library hours, etc. She hopes to interview two new library assistants, and will have an article on the Summer Reading Program. Send Gloria your library-theme ideas for the July newsletter.

K. Website & Social Media Director Lynne Rossi – reported she posted on Facebook every two-three days in April and May; the activity was good those months. She needs to continue this activity and requests ideas, help, pictures for upcoming posts. Lynne says for author nights, for example, she adds the author's website. Needs to post upcoming events, not old news. Gloria says she has a “news” page on the website and uses this for newsletter, perhaps Lynne could use this on the Facebook site.

## VI. Committee Reports

A. 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Annual Meeting – Mary reported from the committee's May 14 meeting: the Lincoln High School choir will sing two numbers in the rotunda; food and a video (Linda Derosier interviewing Shirley Russell) in the Willow Room; FOLL

will have a \$35 gift card drawing; there will be a large sign on Twelve Bridges Drive; the mayor will be asked to present a proclamation from the City Council; the Chamber of Commerce will give FOLL an official celebration certificate; Kathryn will speak.

Next meeting of the committee is June 25, 2 p.m.

35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, Oct. 23, 5-6 p.m., at the library.

VII. Comments from members and others related to FOLL matters – Lynne reported she received one more BDOG check, resulting in \$11,146.80 total contributions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VIII. None

NEW BUSINESS:

IX. Gloria presented a funding request as follows: with the high school opening, FOLL will pay for “Spirit” tee shirts for library staff at \$20 each. If you would like one at \$20, go to the high school website store, pick a design and pay (before June 30 there is a 20% discount). Our goal is to foster goodwill between high school and library. Jeri moved we provide \$250.00 for tee shirts, Jo Jones seconded. Passed.

X. General Announcements and Closing Comments – None

XI. Adjournment – Next meeting probably 2 p.m., July 14. Mary will send an email regarding time and place as we may meet in person. TBD.

Attendance:

Library Director: Kathryn Hunt

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

Members and visitors: Vi Kuka, Fran Neves, Marie Salers

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary