

Minutes

Friends of the Lincoln Library Board Meeting, May 12, 2021

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

[for approval on June 9, 2021]

I. Call to Order: Board Member Gloria Pilotti-Irey called the meeting to order.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. ACTION ITEM: Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from April 14, 2021 meeting: Lynne Rossi moved and Sharon Gorley seconded the minutes be approved. Passed.

IV. Library Report, Kathryn Hunt – not available, no report.

V. Officer/Director Reports

A. President Mary Nader – not present due to technical difficulties.

B. Vice President Jo Jones – no report.

C. Secretary Jeri Ferris – no report.

D. Treasurer Gloria Pilotti-Irey – reported \$3,927 income (memberships, donations, and book sales) for April, with only \$343 in expenses. Doorknob Project expenses will be in the May report. The Lincoln Hills Orchard Creek Book Group has given FOLL \$605 for children's magazines. Gloria spent \$365 of this for magazine renewals, and is holding the remainder for possible teen magazines (theater? science?) for the new high school students in the fall.

Gloria's reports in full are filed separately.

E. Book Sales Director Sharon Gorley – reported sales are picking up, with \$1194 received in April from daily, ebay, and Fred sales. Lots of book donations.

F. Community Outreach Director Kathy Snelson – absent, report read by Gloria. Board members delivered 432 Doorknob Bags to six new Lincoln home developments, and as of May 8, three book coupons and four craft coupons have been used, one new member, and an uptick in new library cards. Total cost for the bags, \$575. Free craft bags will remain at front desk for three more weeks. To date we have three business sponsors: Buehler Engineering, Circular Polymers, Recology Auburn Placer. The 2021 budget of \$800 for sponsors has been met.

National Friends of Libraries Week is October 17-23, 2021; will connect with our 35th Anniversary Celebration.

Downtown Lincoln Association has asked FOLL to help with gift bags for first responders. FOLL is providing 75 certificates for free books from book sale area.

G. Grants Director Linda Derosier – reported that Rotary is donating \$1,000 for books for the library, with bookplates to be signed.

H. Hospitality Director Wanda Melilli – absent.

I. Membership Director Linda Morley – reported 311 members as of May 12. She continues to change signs in the lobby for a fresh look every month; is working on the 35th Anniversary committee; did Doorknob Bag delivery, working with Kathy Snelson on community outreach ideas.

J. Newsletter Director (open position) – Gloria reported 813 subscribers. For June she will include an article on new book checkout privileges; BDOG results; the Summer Reading Program; hoping to include an article on our two new library assistants; article on the Kiwanis book project; gift certificates for first responders. She held up the new library brochure. Linda D. said she will contribute an article on FOLL's history and the 35th Anniversary celebration. Send Gloria your library-theme ideas for the June newsletter.

K. Website & Social Media Director Lynne Rossi – reported the April Facebook page featured Volunteer Month and BDOG, with new posts and photos from volunteers every day until mid-April, then BDOG focus and video.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Big Day of Giving – Lynn Rossi thanked the BDOG team for their work which resulted in the most successful BDOG year ever – a total of \$11,746.80 to FOLL. Linda D. commented that of all the local area Friends groups, only Sacramento and Lincoln made their goals, and FOLL is the *only* group of Lincoln's non-profit groups that made its goal. Linda D. also thanked Lynne for the professional thank-you cards; Gloria and Sharon thanked Lynne for a job well done. Lynne thanked Kathryn Hunt, Sam Schlafer, Jeri Ferris, Nina Mazzo, and Teresa Stanislav for the professional BDOG video. Karen Lindh, Sacramento Friends, said a secret to their success was getting matching grants and creating appropriate business relationships – for example, Delta Dental Community Health Foundation gave \$15,000 to the Sacramento Friends for books for first graders.

B. 35th Anniversary/Annual Meeting – Linda D. reported the committee of Mary Nader, Linda M. and Linda D. meets once a month. She visited the Lincoln Area

Archives Museum for information on the history of the Carnegie Library, and of course Shirley Russell is an archive herself on FOLL. Linda told us about the 1984 "Music on the Steps" fundraiser at the Carnegie, with the Lincoln High School band on the steps, which raised \$800.

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

VII. Comments from members and others related to FOLL matters – Linda D. reported she spoke at LAB/LAC, May 5, by Zoom. Those in attendance included Linda D., Mary and Sharon from FOLL. A quorum was not present so the group could not take any action. Scott Leaman introduced Michael Maul, the new principal for Twelve Bridges High School. Linda reported the high school has a full-time library clerk who will be working from our backroom (not the FOLL office). There will be 525 freshmen and sophomores this fall, and their high school i.d. will be their library card. Proposed library hours beginning this fall: 9-5 Monday-Thursday, 9-3 Friday, 11-5 Saturday. Hours for this summer, June 30-August 15, the same as at present. Three new LAB/LAC members: Teresa Lai Stanislaw, Joanne Schumacher, Junhee Choe. (Junhee's oldest son will be at Twelve Bridges H.S. in the fall, and Kathryn is delighted with this contact.) Linda's report continues: the federal "Rescue Act" contains \$10.5 million for California libraries; 93% of parents polled want their children back in school; next LAB/LAC meeting is August 4, possibly at the new high school and including a tour; she talked about our delivery of Doorknob Bags; she thanked Vi Kuka and Nancy Whitaker for their years of service to the community and the library; told about the 35th Anniversary celebration. Scott Fischer asked if students will have access to the library beyond the posted hours? Answer – not at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VIII. None

NEW BUSINESS:

IX. ACTION ITEM – Purchase of books for Kiwanis Lincoln Foothills Project – Gloria reported FOLL will provide 128 free new books to at-risk students in Lincoln. FOLL will put labels in the books saying, basically, this book is from FOLL, come visit the library. Kathy will contact us this month for volunteers to put the labels in the books. Kathryn is preparing a flyer for at-risk students, encouraging summer reading, and saying come and get a library card. Gloria would like \$700 to purchase these books. Jo so moved, Sharon seconded. Passed.

X. General Announcements and Closing Comments – None

XI. Adjournment – Next meeting 2 p.m., June 9, by Zoom.

Attendance:

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

Members and visitors: Scott Fischer, Vi Kuka, Karen Lindh, Teresa Lai Stanislaw

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary