

Minutes

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

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

II. Welcome/Introductions

III. Flag Salute

IV. Note for Record: FOLL Board approval by email on August 10, 2021 of \$1,700 for book purchases for Free Teen Book Day.

V. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes from August 10, 2021 board meeting: Gloria Pilotti-Irey moved and Linda Derosier seconded the minutes be approved. Passed.

VI. Library Report – Kathryn Hunt reported the new high school is open, students are coming into the library, and she thanked FOLL for our support of the teen space and Teentober. Today is Rebecca's last day; her replacement will start next week. Kathryn's "Ask": Zip Books, funded by a grant from the CA State Library Association, is extremely popular and gives the community a voice in books on the shelves. Problem: the funding was temporarily cut and though it has been restored, there is a gap of funding for Zip Books. Kathryn asked FOLL to consider providing \$4,000 as a bridge fund which will carry Zip Books until January 2022, when funding should be restored. Approximately 50 new books a month are purchased through Zip Books, and 95% of those go on our library shelves. Kathryn also reported the Greenville Public Library was destroyed in the latest fire, and there is a GoFundMe campaign underway.

VII. Officer/Director Reports

A. President Mary Nader – absent.

B. Vice President Jo Jones – no report.

C. Secretary Jeri Ferris – no report.

D. Treasurer Gloria Pilotti-Irey – reported August revenue of \$1,587, expenses \$3,525, most of which paid for new cabinets and shelving for the FOLL office.

FOLL paid for one year of Beanstack (on-line reading program), after which the California Library Association made a 3-year subscription available to all California public libraries at no cost. FOLL has received a refund of \$1,442.05.

Gloria's reports in full are filed separately.

E. Book Sales Director Sharon Gorley – reported August sales of \$1,404. Charlotte Grone, who does our ebay sales, is moving at the end of September and has been training a new volunteer, Teresa Jacobson. Discussion on how best to show her our appreciation.

F. Community Outreach Director – Open Position – (Linda Derosier reporting) the October 24 Lion Foothills Children's Health Fair has been postponed. We had prepared free books with FOLL stickers and they are in reserve. Linda attended the Chamber of Commerce breakfast, the Downtown Lincoln Association meeting, and Rotary (with Kathryn, who ends her presentations: "You know, the free public library is not really free," and hands mic to Linda for a description of FOLL's work). Linda gave a library tour to a Sun City group who all either renewed or got new library cards and several filled out volunteer applications. A group of 580 high school students also had a tour. Linda Morley took pictures of both groups. The Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade is scheduled for the first Saturday of December and we are prepared.

G. Grants Director Linda Derosier – introduced Teresa Stanislaw, newest member of the Library Advisory Council and Advisory Board, who will be helping with grants. The Lincoln Hills Foundation said FOLL should ask for *more* grant money, so Linda and Teresa are working on a Technology Workshop for Seniors. They will ask LHF for renewal of large-print book grant and a new grant for Hoopla (waiting for the \$ amount from Kathryn). Discussion on various teaching ideas.

H. Hospitality Director Wanda Melilli – no report.

I. Membership Director Linda Morley – reported 5 new members in August for a total of 315 members. She continues to make new lobby signs and membership forms; she photographs library events; has submitted articles on FOLL for the Compass, the Sun Senior News, the FOLL October newsletter; is working on the 35th Anniversary celebration and more. She will have a table in the lobby for Friends of the Library Week, October 17-23, and needs volunteers to man it. Lindas D and M of "Team Linda" have prepared grab-and-go bags for outreach.

J. Newsletter Director (open position) – Gloria reports 847 subscribers to the newsletter. The October newsletter will include articles on the 35th Anniversary,

two new staff members, an upcoming virtual author event, Linda M's article, Teentober, Marvel Trivia event, Teen Advisory Board open house, Harry Potter vs. Star Wars event, Battle of the Books, the November big book sale, and more. Discussion on length of newsletter. The Newsletter Director position is open. Gloria plans to stay on as newsletter editor.

K. Website & Social Media Director Lynne Rossi – absent

VIII. Committee Reports

A. 35th Anniversary/Annual Meeting – Linda M. reported the committee (Mary Nader, Linda D., Wanda, Sam Schlafer, Linda M.) has solidified a program of speakers, the Lincoln High School choir, refreshments, a membership table, door prizes, donation box, scrapbooks from the Carnegie Library era. The event will begin in the Willow Room with a video loop of FOLL history. Discussion and sign-up form for volunteers. Linda M. submitted articles for Sun Senior News and SCLH Compass Magazine. Linda D. is working with the Lincoln Messenger to get the word out. Date: Saturday, October 23, 5-6 p.m.

B. Nomination Committee – Jo reported we need many officer positions filled. Please contact Mary Nader, Gloria, Karen Allen, or Jo to submit names. We need a complete slate for next month's meeting.

IX. Comments from members and others related to FOLL matters – We welcomed Beryl Lawrence, Judy Presnall, Teresa Stanislav, Fran Neves and Karen Lindh. Karen, Sacramento Library Friends, said the Sacramento Public Library director is retiring at the end of the year. Fran said Fred, one of our back room booksellers, is a "book restorer," mending early 1900's books for the Lincoln Archives Museum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

X. ACTION ITEM: Library request for \$1,500 for book purchases for Battle of the Books – Wanda moved and Gloria seconded we provide \$1,500 to the library for these books. Passed.

XI. ACTION ITEM: Annual Membership Meeting by Email – Gloria reported last year's annual meeting was held by email, basically a letter from President Mary Nader, and proposed we do the same this year. Discussion. Gloria moved and Wanda seconded we have our annual meeting by email and if possible tie in the new board officer slate vote. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

XII. ACTION ITEM: Library request for gap funding of Zip Book program – Jo said Kathryn has requested \$4,000 to continue this program. Gloria reported we have given \$34,000 so far this year to the library, which is under what we had budgeted, and also some moneys provided to the library have not been used. Jeri moved and Linda M. seconded we provide the \$4,000 for Zip Book gap funding. Passed.

XIII. Appointment of a current board member to perform Community Outreach Director duties – Jo appointed Linda Derosier to fulfill the duties of the vacant Community Outreach Director position for the remainder of 2021.

XIV. ACTION ITEM: Volunteer Recruitment & Processing – Gloria reported she and Wanda are working on how to do this better. Wanda stated the library is not accepting volunteers for library activities at this time. Gloria said Kathryn is okay with processing volunteer applications for FOLL activities and more volunteer details were added online. Gloria contacts every person who submits an inquiry. Discussion on how best to articulate what volunteers do. Gloria received enthusiastic Board approval to proceed with new volunteer recruitment.

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

Attendance:

Library Staff: Kathryn Hunt

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

Members and visitors: Judy Presnall, Fran Neves, Beryl Lawrence, Teresa Lai Stanislaw, Karen Lindh

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary