

Minutes

Friends of the Lincoln Library Board Meeting, October 12, 2021
Willow Room, 10:30-12:00
[for approval on November 9, 2021]

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

II. Welcome/Introductions

III. Flag Salute

IV. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2021 board meeting: Gloria Pilotti-Irey moved and Jo Jones seconded the minutes be approved. Passed.

V. Library Report – Kathryn Hunt unable to attend.

VI. 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 Pilotti-Irey – reported September revenue of \$3,405 (\$1,394 from book sales and \$1,442 refund from Beanstack); expenses \$5,427, most of which paid for Zip Books and Teen Free Book Day books. She reported Sam Schlafer says “Teentober is going well.” Discussion on funds waiting to be used and what is being paid for now, during pandemic. Discussion on Community Outreach expenses, including Health Fair.

Gloria's reports in full are filed separately.

E. Book Sales Director Sharon Gorley – reported September sales \$1,394, and she has six new volunteers. Next big book sale is November 6, 9–12 noon, with set up on Friday, November 5, beginning at 2 p.m. She said things “are looking good and I’m happy!”

F. Community Outreach Director – Open Position – (Linda Derosier reporting)
Linda attended the Chamber of Commerce breakfast, the Downtown Lincoln

Association meeting, and mailed 40 invitations to our October 23 celebration. Mary asked FOLL to provide a raffle gift bag for the Lincoln Crossing Elementary School Family Movie Night, and Linda put together a bag packed with FOLL and library goodies, with the aim of bringing people to the library. See Facebook for the picture.

G. Grants Director Linda Derosier – reported the final 2021 grant check came in from the Lincoln Hills Foundation (LHF). Linda D. and Teresa Stanislaw sent grant requests to LHF for “Digital Training for Seniors,” which Linda D. described fully to Jim DeDeo, LHF liason. Discussion.

H. Hospitality Director Wanda Melilli – no report.

I. Membership Director Linda Morley – reported 2 new members and 3 renewals in September for a total of 317 members. She continues to make new lobby signs and membership forms; photographs events; submitted articles on FOLL to the Compass and the Sun Senior News; is working on the 35th Anniversary celebration; has prepped “grab and go” FOLL informational bags for Linda D. to take to meetings. She has prepared new membership forms for us to pass out to friends and neighbors. She will have a table in the lobby for Friends of the Library Week, October 18-23, and passed a form for volunteers to man it. Discussion – automatic membership renewal or not.

J. Newsletter Director (open position) – Gloria reports the November newsletter will include articles on November 3 LAB/LAC; November 6 Big Book Sale; October 30 Harry Potter vs. Star Wars event at 1 p.m. with six professional actors; Battle of the Books ongoing through February 2022, with a possible virtual author visit; library closed on November 11 (Veterans' Day); and more. The Beanstack reading challenge for November is “Dino-vement.” She reminded us to use Amazon Smile for Christmas shopping, as this program donates a percentage of your sale to FOLL.

K. Website & Social Media Director Lynne Rossi – absent, sent the following email. “Website & Facebook: I have posted the 35th anniversary invitation on both. We received a volunteer request from Whitney Eklund via our website stating her interest in Social Media and other areas. She has returned her application to Phyllis and once she has completed her Live Scan (I will check the status tomorrow at the Police Department), I will be working with her to improve our facebook postings. She is currently not a member of FOLL.”

VII. Committee Reports

A. 35th Anniversary and Video Presentation – Mary and Linda M. reported that yesterday they got the okay for the in-person celebration, with masks. The program will begin with the Lincoln High School choir, and move to the Willow Room for Sam’s video loop of FOLL history, followed by speakers. Mary is m.c. Volunteers should arrive at 4 p.m., wear your blue shirt and/or red apron, and mask. Greeters will hand out door prize tickets. Membership table, snack table, and scrap book display of Carnegie history will be in the rotunda. Discussion on “everyone is invited.”

B. Volunteer Project – Gloria and Wanda explained the project. (Gloria previously emailed us information.) They gained an understanding of the library's volunteer process; interviewed all board members; are going to streamline the volunteer application on website; and had a wonderful discussion with Kathryn about a new library program “Better Impact,” which manages volunteers for non-profits. (New city website with more FOLL information goes live January 2022.) Volunteer recognition now to be joint effort between FOLL and library, with a joint-volunteer program – FOLL + library as one group. Kathryn suggests we put up a big banner in the rotunda for Volunteer Appreciation Week. Gloria and Wanda will prepare welcome bags for new volunteers. Discussion.

VIII. Comments from members and others related to FOLL matters – Fran Neves reported that Larry Whitaker, our former web designer, is quite ill. Judy Presnall will help with 35th Anniversary. Mary will speak at November 3 LAB/LAC and asked for “action” topics.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

IX. None

NEW BUSINESS:

X. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Slate for 2022 FOLL Board – Jo reported we have an almost-complete slate: President, Jo Jones; Vice President, Karen Allen; Hospitality Director, open; Book Sales Director, Sharon Gorley; Newsletter Director, Karen Lindh. Jo moved the slate be approved, Wanda seconded. Passed. Gloria added that on November 1 the newsletter will go out, ballots on table in lobby; November 4, annual membership meeting letter will go out with link to on-line voting and renewal reminder; November 6, FOLL Board agenda out with voting reminder; November 8, voting ends. November 21, Gloria will send a renewal reminder. Discussion on voting procedure and October 23 invitation.

XI. General Announcements and Closing Comments – Fran said before the pandemic the Downtown Lincoln Association provided welcome bags to new residents, but no longer does so. She wants the City to prepare door-hanger bags like the ones FOLL delivered to new homes a few months ago. Also the Lincoln Archives Museum has a walking tour of Lincoln book for \$10.

XIV. Adjournment – Next Meeting, November 9, 2021, Willow Room, 10:30-12.

Attendance:

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

Members and visitors: Judy Presnall, Fran Neves, Beryl Lawrence

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary