

Minutes

Friends of the Lincoln Library Board Meeting, December 13, 2022
Willow Room Twelve Bridges Library, 10:30-12:00
[for approval on January 10, 2023]

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

II. Welcome/Introductions

III. Flag Salute

IV. Installation of 2023 FOLL Board - Jo - Returning officers (Jeri Ferris, Gloria Pilotti-Irey, Linda Derosier, Teresa Stanislaw, Linda Morley, Lynn Rossi by Zoom) were sworn in and installed by Kathryn Hunt.

V. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2022 board meeting: Karen Lindh moved and Gloria Pilotti-Irey seconded the minutes be approved. Passed.

VI. Library Report – Kathryn Hunt, Library Director, reported on a very successful year, with growth in all areas. We have reached 91.6% fulfillment of the 10,000 new library card goal. A question was raised as to the future of the Carnegie Library. Kathryn said City Manager Sean Scully “is going to do something with the Carnegie.” She is meeting with him next week and FOLL will back the city’s decision. Whitney Eklund, who is on the Economic Development Committee, says they are seeking ideas for literacy and art at the Carnegie, to help the downtown area.

VII. Officer/Director Reports

A. President Jo Jones – no report.

B. Vice President Karen Allen – no report.

C. Secretary Jeri Ferris – no report.

D. Membership Director Linda Morley - reported 83 people have already renewed for 2023 and as of Nov. 30, 2022, FOLL has 350 members. Linda M. put in 22 hours working on FOLL causes in November. She would like ideas and help on how to publicize FOLL membership to parents of Lincoln H.S. students.

E. Treasurer Gloria Pilotti-Irey – reported September revenue of \$10,695 from book sales, membership renewals, and grants; expenses \$4,561, mostly for audiobooks and Star Wars and Dinovember giveaway books. December expenses will include books for Icelandic event, Battle of the Books, and December crafts; annual subscription to Sitelock for the website; and direct mailing of postcards/flyers (mailing still in discussion). In summary, our 2022 revenues were about \$10,000 more than budgeted. Gloria provided copies of the proposed 2023 budget. Be sure to get your bills to Gloria asap.

Gloria's reports in full are filed separately.

F. Book Sales Director Sharon Gorley – reported “another great month,” with book sales of \$2,407 for November. Total 2022 book sales at the end of November more than \$20,000.

G. Community Outreach Director Linda Derosier – reported twenty volunteers spent two hours on November 28 preparing FOLL and library cocoa packets and flyers for the planned Lincoln Christmas parade on December 3. However, rain on the 3rd caused a shift to Plan B - tree lighting and music on December 8 at the downtown plaza with FOLL, most appropriately, in front of the Carnegie Library. The City estimates 5,000 in attendance, and FOLL gave away over 1,000 cocoa/FOLL packets. Linda D. and Teresa Stanislaw will attend the upcoming Chamber breakfast and Rotary. Sam Schlafer has asked FOLL to deliver flyers door-to-door in the new developments right now; we suggested January.

H. Grants Director Teresa Stanislaw – reported we have received \$5,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act to “serve the community.”

I. Hospitality Director Whitney Eklund – no report.

J. Newsletter Director Karen Lindh – reported the January 2023 issue will include a photo of the Board installation; articles on The Battle of the Books, holiday closures, a possible author visit, January programs, the top ten books of 2022, February 2023 LAB/LAC, and a “Meet the Friends” interview with Mary Nader on what her years with FOLL have meant to her. Karen is suggesting a contest to name the book sale area.

K. Website & Social Media Director Lynne Rossi (by Zoom) – reports the website is (almost) complete.

VIII. Committee Reports - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

IX. BOARD ACTION: Approval of the 2023 FOLL budget - Jo - Linda D. moved and Mary Nader seconded the budget be approved. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

X. Assignment of Representative to February 1, 2023, LAB/LAC meeting. Jo will do February 1, Sharon will do May or August.

XI. Discussion, 2023 Board Retreat - Jo - We will discuss planned events/activities for 2023 and implementation of the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan, including the establishment of standing committees. Karen L. wants to discuss how to get FOLL members more involved. We will meet at the library on Friday, February 3 for lunch and discussion (date firmed up after board meeting). The Board Retreat will be further discussed at the January Board meeting.

XII. Open Discussion, General Announcements and Closing Comments - none

XIII. Adjournment – Next Meeting, January 10, 2023 in Willow Room, 10:30-12:00

Attendance:

Board Members: Karen Allen, Linda Derosier, Whitney Eklund, Jeri Chase Ferris, Sharon Gorley, Jo Jones, Karen Lindh, Linda Morley, Mary Nader, Gloria Pilotti-Irey, Lynne Rossi (Zoom), Teresa Lai Stanislaw

Library Staff: Kathryn Hunt

Members and visitors: Judy Presnall by Zoom

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary