

## Minutes

Friends of the Lincoln Library Board Meeting, April 11, 2023  
Willow Room, Twelve Bridges Library, 10:30-12:00  
[for approval on May 9, 2023]

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

II. Welcome/Introductions: Teresa Stanislaw introduced Mark Luster, Community Relations Manager for Sierra Pacific, who gave a brief history of Sierra Pacific Industries before presenting FOLL with a generous donation of \$2,500.00 to be used for Read Across Lincoln. He stressed the importance of reading for kids and is proud Sierra Pacific can be part of our work.

III. Flag Salute

IV. Board Action: Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2023, board meeting: Karen Lindh moved and Whitney Eklund seconded the minutes be approved. Passed.

V. Library Report – Sam Schlafer and Tonie Jenkins reported that “every single school in Lincoln” has had a Read Across Lincoln visit, and since then, many kids have come to the library. Programs coming up include Summer Reading, Fairy Tale event on April 22, and the “How-To Festival” on May 20 which will be 4 hours of several short 15-20 minutes individual presentations on how to do things (how to buy/sell a house, how to make slime, how to bird watch, etc.) in the Willow Room, Tech Center, Rotunda. Sam will let us know how we can help.

VI. Officer/Director Reports

A. President Jo Jones – read a letter of resignation from Karen Allen.

B. Vice President Karen Allen – absent, resigned from all library activities.

C. Secretary Jeri Ferris – no report.

D. Treasurer Gloria Pilotti-Irey - reported March revenue of \$3,633; high expenses of \$7,384, which includes Read Across Lincoln books, large print and audio books, staff time for some FOLL programs, half of March ZipBook bill, Zoom renewal and more. Significant upcoming expenses will include insurance, Kanopy and Beanstack. She is moving a \$50,000 cd (\$42,000 current cd plus \$8,000 from checking account) to a 3.5%-earning account.

Gloria's reports in full are filed separately.

E. Book Sales Director Sharon Gorley – reported another great month, with total sales of \$1,914 for March. Sales for the first week in April were \$373.50 from daily sales/Secondhand Prose, \$50 more than average, probably due to the price increase. (No complaints about the increase.) She suggests a separate area at the June BIG book sale for high-value books.

F. Community Outreach Director Linda Derosier – reported all first graders in Lincoln have received Read Across Lincoln books and/or visits; team Linda at the Farmers Market; FOLL will be part of the scavenger hunt at the Art League celebration on Saturday, May 6 – sign up to help at FOLL table; FOLL ad in Discover Lincoln magazine.

G. Grants Director Teresa Stanislaw – reported she submitted the \$5,000 grant request to the United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) for the book locker, and on April 20 she, Gloria, Linda D., and Kathryn Hunt will meet with UAIC representatives at the library to discuss the project.

H. Hospitality Director Whitney Eklund – reported 65 attendees at March Family Movie Night. April movie is "Supercuts." National Volunteer Recognition Week is April 17-23 and FOLL will supply coffee, tea, oranges, cookies in the staff room every day, along with special thank-you cards and volunteer pins for those who have logged over 100 hours. Sign up to help.

I. Membership Director Linda Morley - worked on lobby signs, photos, swag bags, membership processing, and makes unique and beautiful bookmarks. Good time at the SCLH Expo, signed up 15 new members. Now 305 members. FOLL received a generous \$1,000 IRA donation.

J. Newsletter Director Karen Lindh – reported focus for May newsletter: BDOG; Art League Festival; May 20 "How-To Festival"; a new teen-written article; LAB/LAC; photos of Mark Luster's Sierra Pacific visit and check; magazines on Hoopla; June book sale; thank you to SCLH book club for magazines; Summer Reading.

K. Website & Social Media Director Lynne Rossi – reported a few technical issues which she is dealing with.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Big Day of Giving Committee – Karen L. reported the BDOG committee is seeking matching funds from previous donors; large poster in the lobby April 20-May 4; Compass magazine and Sun Senior News articles in April; she has created a template with video we can use for personal outreach; all Board members are to contribute to BDOG; table in lobby on May 4; Linda D. has prepared a gift basket for raffle; Karen L. wants one social media post every day.

B. Strategic Planning Committee – Gloria passed the 2023-2025 status report, said 18 of our 27 goals are progressing nicely; go to FOLL website to keep up to date on status; need more members on this committee (now only Gloria); after BDOG we will look at this again.

C. Annual Members' Meeting Committee – Jo, Karen L., Teresa will report later.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VIII. None

NEW BUSINESS:

IX. BOARD ACTION: Increase in Office Supplies Budget – Gloria reported necessary increase from \$300 to \$700 annually; Whitney moved and Teresa seconded we allow this increase. Approved.

X. BOARD ACTION: Venmo Account – Gloria and Sharon discussed using Venmo for book sales, buyers pay with phone, fee of 1.9% very low. We already accept Paypal/Zettle, will put QR code at sale area. Customer has to have Venmo on phone. Discussion. Lynne moved and Teresa seconded we set up a Venmo account. Approved.

XI. BOARD ACTION: Change in Dollar Amount for Top Sponsor Level – Linda D. advised we change our donation levels so that top level begins at \$1,000 rather than \$1,500 because several important donors give \$1,000 annually. Jeri moved and Teresa seconded we change the levels accordingly. Approved.

XII. Open Discussion, General Announcements, Closing Comments – Linda D. suggested we provide a \$50 gift card to Renae as part of our thanks. Jeri moved and Whitney seconded we do so. Approved. Whitney will be our May 3 LAB/LAC representative; Karen L. said we might try a fundraiser at Olde Town Pizza for Friends' Month. More volunteers needed for BDOG table on May 4.

Adjournment – Next Meeting May 9, 2023, in Willow Room, 10:30-12:00

Attendance:

Board Members: Linda Derosier, Whitney Eklund, Jeri Chase Ferris, Sharon Gorley, Jo Jones, Karen Lindh, Linda Morley, Gloria Pilotti-Irey, Lynne Rossi, Teresa Lai Stanislaw.

Library Staff: Sam Schlafer, Tonie Jenkins

Members and Visitors: Mary Nader, Judy Presnall, Neil Cochran (Zoom)

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary