

Minutes

Friends of the Lincoln Library Board Meeting, June 13, 2023
Willow Room, Twelve Bridges Library, 10:30-12:00
[for approval on July 11, 2023]

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

II. Welcome/Introductions – We welcomed Dawna Hawksworth and Neil Cochran.

III. Flag Salute

IV. Board Action: Approval of Minutes from May 9, 2023, board meeting: Karen Lindh moved and Gloria Pilotti-Irey seconded the minutes be approved. Passed.

V. Library Report – Kathryn Hunt reported the outside of the building is being painted, summer hours have begun, and summer reading is “incredibly popular” with a goal of 1,250 registered readers. She thanked FOLL for our support. The library will be presenting its first-ever teen film festival and another writing contest. Kathryn requested one-time funding of \$2,716 for blackout shades and sun screens for the windows of the Redwood Room/Tech Center, to ensure film privacy. See discussion under New Business.

VI. Officer/Director Reports

A. President Jo Jones – will report later in the meeting.

B. Vice President - vacant

C. Secretary Jeri Ferris – no report.

D. Treasurer Gloria Pilotti-Irey - reported May a “big month for FOLL.” May revenues were \$9,616, mainly from BDOG and book sales; May expenses \$2,264, mainly book purchases, including ZipBooks. Gloria has prepared a handbook for new board members, which can be found on the Board Information page of our website. She is working on procedures for vice president and said all directors need to have their written procedures completed by end of June. If you wrote yours some time ago, please update if necessary. She is also working on nomination procedures to be placed on the Board Information page, with past president Mary Nader leading the nominating committee. The proposed

slate will be presented to the board in October, with the vote in November and installation in December.

Gloria's reports in full are filed separately.

E. Book Sales Director Sharon Gorley – absent, Gloria read her report of “huge daily sales” in May - \$2,477 daily sales and \$2,450 income at the Big Book Sale. Linda M. said the book sale crowd was so enthusiastic she had no time to take photos. Nina Mazzo, the Book Fairy, gave every child a free book. Linda M. said Venmo works well.

F. Community Outreach Director Linda Derosier – reported upcoming events with FOLL tables: Movies Under the Stars (at Twelve Bridges Elementary) and Music at the Plaza (downtown) and June 22 bingo. Also, FOLL will get credit for being a \$40 bat/ball sponsor at Potters' baseball games. She presented a video on the new Chamber of Commerce Lincoln city map and what kind of ad we should pay for. Lengthy discussion. Gloria moved we purchase a business ad for up to \$500 promoting the library or FOLL in the new map (Linda D. and Karen to work on proper wording). Lynne seconded. Passed. Gloria advised that an ad promoting the library would be classified as a mission-direct expense, while an ad promoting FOLL would be classified as a fundraising expense. Sign-up sheets for above events available at end of meeting.

G. Grants Director Teresa Stanislaw – reported that the United Auburn Indian Community denied FOLL's grant application for partial funding of a downtown library book locker. (FOLL had previously budgeted for the full purchase price of the locker.)

H. Hospitality Director Whitney Eklund – absent. Gloria reported she will lead Family Movie Night this Saturday in Whitney's place.

I. Membership Director Linda Morley – reported 343 members now. She thanked Gloria and Lynne for setting up the FOLL table at the “How-to” event. Lots of fun at the event.

J. Newsletter Director Karen Lindh – reported on her focus for the July newsletter: Big Book sale recap; book locker article; new library coordinator; author visit, Lydia Kang; Solar System Day, July 25; book sale volunteers promo; community outreach; TAB report; July 4th closure; regular programs; book clubs.

K. Website & Social Media Director Lynne Rossi – reported 3,000 dvds donated, need to be processed this Friday morning, 9-12. Please let Lynne know if you can help.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Strategic Planning Committee – Gloria and Karen – Gloria reported 18 of the 27 strategies are progressing well, six pending, two delayed/progressing. The two delayed are: (1) having a strong committed board and developing a recruitment plan for new board members and (2) volunteer categories, please check boxes. Need non-board members on some committees.

B. Annual Members' Meeting Committee – Jo, Karen, Teresa – Jo reported need a date in November, will have videos of our programs, show how we fundraise, vote for new officers, renew memberships, will have rolls and coffee social time. Discussion. Decided on Saturday, November 18, time tbd.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

VIII. BOARD ACTION: Increase 2023 FOLL Budget for purchase of blinds for Tech Center – Gloria reported best bid received from Made in the Shade based in Lincoln. She moved we authorize \$3,000 for blinds for the Tech Center as requested by Kathryn. Teresa seconded. Passed.

IX. Open Discussion, General Announcements, Closing Comments –
Jeri invited all to her author talk on July 26, Kilaga Springs Presentation Hall, 2:30 p.m. Topic: people, known and unknown, who made America great.
Linda M. said come to bingo tomorrow night.
Neil voiced his concern over the water rate increase.
Dawna expressed her appreciation for our work.

Adjournment – Next Meeting July 11, 2023, in Willow Room, 10:30-12:00

Attendance:

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

Library Staff: Kathryn Hunt

Members and Visitors: Dawna Hawksworth, Neil Cochran

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary