

## Minutes

Friends of the Lincoln Library Board Meeting, July 11, 2023  
Willow Room, Twelve Bridges Library, 10:30-11:30  
[for approval on August 8, 2023]

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

II. Welcome/Introductions – Jo welcomed guests Marti Loew and Neil Cochran.

III. Flag Salute

IV. Board Action: Approval of Minutes from June 13, 2023, board meeting: Lynne Rossi moved and Linda Derosier seconded the minutes be approved. Passed.

V. Library Report – Tonie Jenkins, library staff, reported on the Literary Festival to be held in October. She asked the Board to encourage children and teens in grades K-12 to submit their writings for the Festival, with submissions due July 31. This Literary event may be held at the Twelve Bridges High School. The Film contest is ongoing, with submissions due by August 31. Date for the Film Event not yet set.

VI. Officer/Director Reports

A. President Jo Jones – reported the Annual Members Meeting Committee had a great meeting, which she will cover later in today's agenda.

B. Vice President - vacant

C. Secretary Jeri Ferris – absent

D. Treasurer Gloria Pilotti-Irey - reported June revenues of \$16,370, mainly from BDOG and book sales; June expenses \$4,600, mainly large print and audio books, summer reading puppet show, and deposit on Tech room shades. Shades have been shipped, so installation should occur in late July or early August. Upcoming significant expenses: Zip books and MGOL. We will begin paying for Hoopla and Kanopy in July or August.

Gloria's reports in full are filed separately.

E. Book Sales Director Sharon Gorley – reported “spectacular” total sales for June of \$4,819. She has added a vintage/collectables section to the

Secondhand Prose Shop. A book seller will come next week to purchase DVDs from a recent large DVD donation.

F. Community Outreach Director Linda Derosier – reported on summertime events in Lincoln. The Movie Under the Stars event (June 16) was disappointing as parents did not come to the FOLL booth; the Summer Concert in the Plaza (June 23) was more successful but difficult to talk with adults with music background. FOLL will skip the July 21 Summer Concert because the Back to School Bash event is the next day. FOLL is collecting school supplies in the library for this event and will also donate a raffle basket; FOLL will sponsor a between-innings race with mascot Piper the peacock at the July 28<sup>th</sup> Potter Game; will have a booth inside the Pavilion at the National Night Out event in McBean Park on Tuesday, August 1; and will attend the Lincoln Hills Foundation Bingo on August 24. Linda passed out signup sheets for these various upcoming events.

G. Grants Director Teresa Stanislaw – reported that a mid-year statement has been submitted to the Lincoln Hills Foundation for the large print and audio book grant. Neil Cochran is working with Teresa to look for new grant opportunities. Currently she is focusing on a \$2,000 grant for MGOL.

H. Hospitality Director Whitney Eklund – reported a good turnout for the June movie night. The July movie is “The Super Mario Bros” and a large attendance is expected.

I. Membership Director Linda Morley – reported 350 members now – 4 new and 1 renewal in June. Lucia Huh is training a new volunteer (Justine) to record membership and donations in the FOLL database, as Lucia will be traveling from September 27 through most of December.

J. Newsletter Director Karen Lindh – reported Mailchimp is once again making format changes, some of which have made life easier, others not so much. The August Newsletter will include a summer reading update, change to library winter hours, National Book Lovers day, Teen Film Festival deadline, TAB report, community outreach activities, spotlight on volunteers working on book sales, return of homework center on August 21, plus her usual items. An article introducing Dawna Hawksworth as Vice President may be in either the August or September newsletter. Karen will be traveling August 15-30 so Gloria will finish up the September newsletter and send it out.

K. Website & Social Media Director Lynne Rossi – reported the website is doing well. Future use of Zoom for Board meetings is questionable as the sound is inconsistent. Lynne will provide link to recording upon request – not publicly available. The Facebook volunteer resigned, so Lynne and Gloria are doing the

Facebook/Instagram posts and are looking for others to help post items or provide ideas for posts. Whitney volunteered to help.

## VII. Committee Reports

A. Strategic Planning Committee – Gloria and Karen - no report.

B. Annual Members' Meeting Committee –Jo reported the annual meeting will be held on Saturday, November 18, from 12-2 pm. Special invitations will be sent to FOLL members on a "Let's Do Lunch" or similar theme. (Lunch will be provided.) Event will include voting on the Board slate, membership renewals, presentation by Kathryn Hunt and more. Possible tours of the library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VIII. None

NEW BUSINESS:

IX. BOARD ACTION: Approval of Vice President Appointment. Jo requested the appointment of Dawna Hawksworth to fill the remaining term of the Vice President position (expires December 31, 2023). Linda D. so moved, Teresa seconded. Passed.

X. Back to School Bash – School Supplies Drive – Linda D. reported above.

XI. Lincoln Airport Open House and Family Festival – Linda D. reported this will occur on August 26 from 7 am to 3 pm. Last year this event had 5,000 attendees and 10,000 are expected this year. Due to the attendance size and hours of the event, FOLL will not participate.

XII. Open Discussion, General Announcements, Closing Comments

Adjournment – Next meeting August 8, 2023, in Willow Room, 10:30-12:00

Attendance:

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

Library Staff: Tonie Jenkins

Members and Visitors: Marti Loew and Neil Cochran

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary