

Minutes

Friends of the Lincoln Library Board Meeting, August 8, 2023
Willow Room, Twelve Bridges Library, 10:30-12:00
[for approval on September 12, 2023]

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

II. Welcome/Introductions – Jo welcomed guests Neil Cochran, Gloria Beverage, and Shellie Paiz.

III. Flag Salute

IV. Swearing in of Vice President – Jo led the swearing in of our new Vice President, Dawna Hawksworth.

V. Board Action: Approval of Minutes from July 11, 2023 board meeting: Gloria Pilotti-Irey moved and Karen Lindh seconded the minutes be approved. Passed.

VI. Library Report – Kathryn Hunt, Library Director, reported over 1,000 participants in the Summer Reading program; Twelve Bridges H.S. students will return to school on August 17, new library hours will begin August 21; she is still working on finalizing the two downtown book lockers. She has two requests of FOLL: 1. Pay for new Homework Center tables (\$4,000) and 2. Increase the Hoopla budget, a very popular service, to \$15,000 annually. She said LAB/LAC is working on parking and relocating the recycling bins. Discussion. Tonie Jenkins, Library staff, spoke about Family Art Night, October 7. She showed the supplies that will be provided, needs help packing 200 bags, discussed what the program will entail. She also said eighty children taking part in the Summer Writing Contest.

VII. Officer/Director Reports

A. President Jo Jones – reported she spoke at the latest LAB/LAC meeting, and the parking issues around the library were discussed.

B. Vice President Dawna Hawksworth – reported on a golf cart access study.

C. Secretary Jeri Ferris – no report.

D. Treasurer Gloria Pilotti-Irey - reported July revenues of \$5,018, mainly from a grant and book sales; July expenses \$4,837, mainly large print and audio books,

Zip Books, balance due on Tech room shades (have been installed), and artist for October Family Art Night. Upcoming significant expenses: six character actors for Marvel vs. DC, and Hoopla and Kanopy.

Gloria's reports in full are filed separately.

E. Book Sales Director Sharon Gorley – reported “another exciting month” of book sales with a July total of \$2,579 (over \$500 of that from Teresa's ebay sales). The total yearly income from book sales as of July 31 is \$16,237 (less a \$10 expense). Venmo payment method is very popular.

F. Community Outreach Director Linda Derosier – reported the National Night Out event in McBean Park, August 1, was a success; FOLL is not participating in Movie Night or music events where the noise level makes communication difficult. She has purchased a folding portable wagon to help carry all the goodies she takes to events; received many donations for the Back to School Bash. FOLL provided gifts for the July 28 Potters baseball game; will participate in the Sept. 24 Kids Health Fair and Star Wars Night. The new digital and paper map of Lincoln will include a picture of the library with a FOLL link. Linda passed a signup sheet for the August 24 Lincoln Hills Foundation (LHF) bingo and lastly, Linda has ensured that the library is on the new LHF local bus route.

G. Grants Director Teresa Stanislaw – reported she is preparing a new application for a grant from the LHF to increase large print/audio book and Hoopla funding. The Whitney Pinkerton Fund, with a Sept. 8 deadline for grant request, provides \$750 to add NF books (biographies, history, etc.) to the library collection.

H. Hospitality Director Whitney Eklund – reported a full house for the July movie, and a large attendance is expected for the August movie “Muppets in Space.”

I. Membership Director Linda Morley – reported 357 members now – Linda took pictures at the Back to School Bash and National Night Out for our newsletter.

J. Newsletter Director Karen Lindh – reported the September Newsletter will include a TAB report; article on Family Art Night and youth literary festival; introduction of our new Vice President Dawna Hawksworth; National Night Out photos; report on November annual meeting; article stating the increase in the Hoopla budget is “a result of your donations.” She needs information for the Newsletter by August 14 as she will be traveling August 15-30. Gloria will finish up the September newsletter and send it out.

K. Website & Social Media Director Lynne Rossi – reported she will be gone from September through mid-October. Whitney and Gloria will take over in her absence.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Strategic Planning Committee – Gloria, Karen, Dawna - no report.

B. Annual Members' Meeting Committee – Jo – no report.

C. Nominating Committee – Mary Nader, Chairwoman, asked for one more person to volunteer. Sharon volunteered. Committee now consists of Dawna, Sharon, Shellie Paiz, Gerald Mohlenbrok, and Mary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

IX. None

NEW BUSINESS:

X. Board Action: Board approval to increase FOLL budget by \$4,000 for purchase of tables for Homework Center. Lynne so moved, Mary seconded. Approved.

XI. Board Action: Board approval to increase FOLL budget by \$3,000 for Hoopla. Karen L. so moved, Whitney seconded. Approved.

XII. Discussion: Youth Literary Festival/Family Art Night, October 7 – Linda M. and Gloria – Linda M. reported the Literary Festival (by age group) will occur 3-6 p.m. Linda is going to ask the SCLH Painters club members if they want to display their artwork, to be available for sale if they choose (participation has yet to be confirmed because she is going to present the opportunity next Tuesday at a club meeting); also looking for a person to create a painting in two hours real time. There will be face painting, music, drama, tiny canvases and paints; book sale area; refreshments; membership table. Linda says Sam and Tonie from the library are excitedly taking part in the planning. Paintings will be displayed and can be purchased directly from the artist. Attendees may have pizza slice with their library card. Needs lots of volunteers, and Gloria will be calling us soon. Expenses for all this in next month's treasurer's report. Linda M. asked Sharon to begin pulling out special art books which can be on display at the event.

XIII. Chamber of Commerce NetMixer to be hosted by FOLL in the library on Wednesday, August 16, 5:30-7 p.m. – Linda D. and Whitney reported CC

members give short promos on their groups at NetMixer meetings; library cards and tours will be available; refreshments; no wine. FOLL will split expenses between Community Outreach and Hospitality. We are to show up at 5 to help set up; wear your FOLL shirt and name badge.

XIV. Open Discussion, General Announcements, Closing Comments

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

Attendance:

Board Members: Linda Derosier, Whitney Eklund, Jeri Chase Ferris, Sharon Gorley, Dawna Hawksworth, Jo Jones, Karen Lindh, Linda Morley, Gloria Pilotti-Irey, Lynne Rossi, Teresa Stanislav, and Mary Nader, past president.

Library Staff: Kathryn Hunt, Tonie Jenkins

Members and Visitors: Gloria Beverage, Neil Cochran, Shellie Paiz

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary