

Minutes

Friends of the Lincoln Library Board Meeting, October 10, 2023
Willow Room, Twelve Bridges Library, 10:30-12:00
[for approval on November 18, 2023]

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

IA. Teresa Lai Stanislaw moved to add one new item for Board action under new business. Dawna Hawksworth seconded. Passed.

II. Welcome/Introductions – Kathryn Hunt introduced Amanda Toohey and see V for further information.

III. Flag Salute

IV. Board Action: Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2023 board meeting: Gloria Pilotti-Irey moved and Mary Nader seconded the minutes be approved. Passed.

V. Library Report – Kathryn Hunt, Library Director, thanked FOLL for our support for Family Art Night and Literacy Festival (this “could not have been possible without FOLL”). Attendance: 200 at the Literary Festival, 400 at Family Art Night, and 90 new library cards. Kathryn said the library's travel books are out of date, are used a lot, and that the library would benefit greatly if the collection were updated. Unfortunately, FOLL's grant request to update the collection was not accepted. She asked that FOLL consider funding the purchase of travel books. She then called on Amanda to discuss the following proposal. Amanda leads the adult family literacy program at the library and is proposing a “literacy bags” program in conjunction with the Lighthouse Family Resource Counseling Service. This will be a bag containing one bilingual board book and one fabric book, along with information on library literacy programs. Cost for each bag, \$15.00. The library would provide ten bags a month (\$150.00) for 2024, total cost \$1,800.00. Discussion. Neil presented a possible way for FOLL to receive public recognition for its funding of the baby literacy bags at Lighthouse's annual fund-raising luncheon. See further on Amanda's proposal at IX B.

VI. Officer/Director Reports

A. President Jo Jones – will report at VII B.

B. Vice President Dawna Hawksworth – reported we are invited to participate in a free Placer Community Non-profit Training Program, Orchard Creek Ballroom, November 7, from 9 am to 4 pm., which up to ten board members may attend. Gloria, Teresa and Dawna are going, and reservations will be made next week if other board members are interested. Dawna attended the Family Health Fair.

C. Secretary Jeri Ferris – read a thank-you note from Tina Gray, whose husband died.

D. Treasurer Gloria Pilotti-Irey - reported September receipts of \$2,260.00 and expenses of \$9,752.00. Expenses include the usual amounts for Hoopla, Kanopy, large print and audio books; \$1,450.00 for books for Teen Free Book Day on Oct. 9 at both Lincoln high schools; \$3,938.00 for new tables for the Homework Center. Upcoming significant expenses for October include the remaining cost of Family Art Night (total cost \$2,360.00); \$1,035.00 for *Across the Universe Anthology* books; \$1,000.00 for non-fiction books for seniors (Lincoln Hills Foundation grant); giveaway books for DC vs Marvell and Dinovember plus \$800.00 balance due on six character actors, cellist, food.

Gloria's reports in full are filed separately.

E. Book Sales Director Sharon Gorley – reported September sales of \$1,703.50. She has a new volunteer, Fran Duchon, helping Lynne Rossi with media. Teresa Jacobsen, who does ebay sales, will be unavailable for about 6 weeks, and we will try to sell what we can of her stock at our November book sale. Big Book Sale is November 4; Venmo sales are increasing each month.

F. Community Outreach Director Linda Derosier – reported that she, Linda Morley, and Dawna participated in Children's Free Health Fair, but only 100 attended and they may not do it next year; eight FOLL members attended the LHF Bingo September 28 with FOLL featured as a LHF grantee; she took 28 people on a library tour as part of Kathy Snelson's mother's memorial. Kathy is making a \$5,000.00 donation to the library in her mother's name. Linda D. will be at Villains in the Plaza for Halloween, date tba.

G. Grants Director Teresa Lai Stanislaw – reported that FOLL's grant request to Whitney Pinkerton (WP) for funds to update the library's travel books collection was denied. Teresa discussed her thoughts as to why the request may have been denied. Gloria suggested the Lighthouse literacy bags project may be a good idea for future grant opportunities. Teresa will check on this.

H. Hospitality Director Whitney Eklund – absent.

I. Membership Director Linda Morley – absent - report read by Jeri: Linda reports 363 total membership; in September she attended the Children's Free Health Fair; finalized and revised the 2024 FOLL membership form; attended LHF bingo night and the October Family Art Night and will attend the Villains in the Plaza Halloween event. She took photos at the Children's Health Fair, Family Art Night, Literary Festival, and a library tour. Her report on Family Art Night is a poem which you will find at the end of this newsletter. Her poem was so well received that it will also appear in the next newsletter and at the annual FOLL meeting.

J. Newsletter Director Karen Lindh – reported the November newsletter will include an interview with Kathryn Hunt (if you have a question for Kathryn, please send to Karen asap); the Big Book Sale; FOLL annual membership meeting; a wrap-up of Family Art Night and the Youth Literacy Festival, noting that books are still available; report on LAB/LAC; recap DC vs Marvel; upcoming author visit; Dinovember; library closed for Thanksgiving. If room, she will also highlight two volunteers, Virginia Ayala and Shelly Paiz. Question: shall she put actual \$ costs in the newsletter? Yes. Linda D. suggests our FOLL pitches include FOLL costs (“Did you know...?”)

K. Website & Social Media Director Lynne Rossi – absent.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Strategic Planning Committee – Dawna, Chair, with Gloria, Karen, Teresa and member-at-large Neil Cochran, met October 2. Prior to the October 24 Strategic Planning meeting, please send any corrections and/or ideas on bylaws and standing rules to Dawna. IMPORTANT: each director is asked to look at their own duties listed in Standing Rules and confirm or change – go to FOLL Website, About Us page to obtain the current Standing Rules.

B. Annual Members Meeting Committee – Jo, Chair, with Teresa, Karen, Dawna, and member-at-large Cassandra Davis. The Annual Membership meeting will take place on Saturday, November 18, 12 noon (opening for voting and membership renewals at 11:30 a.m.), with a catered lunch. Jo passed a sign-up sheet to help with duties, and please RSVP your attendance to Karen. Mary Nader will preside at the voting table and Linda M. at the membership table. Karen presented the meeting agenda which will include Sam's video; ten minutes on volunteering (Karen); full financial report (Gloria); a 12:30 presentation by Kathryn Hunt; and an opportunity for members to ask questions and provide feedback. Linda D. will offer an optional library tour after the meeting. Need volunteers to help set up on Friday, November 17. Gloria is checking on potential high school events same day. **Added after meeting:** The committee will set up on Saturday morning, as the Willow Room is in use on

Friday. Gloria confirmed with Kathryn that no sport or school events are scheduled for November 18.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VIII. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

IX. Board Action:

A. Approval of 2024 Board of Directors slate – Nomination Committee Chair Mary Nader, members Dawna, Sharon, and members-at-large Shellie Paiz and Gerald (Jerry) Mohlenbrok. The slate was presented with the note that it was difficult to select candidate for president from the two who volunteered. Gloria moved the slate be accepted as presented, Linda D. seconded, passed.

Gloria will prepare a hardcopy ballot and set up the website page for online voting. Mary will set up voting at the lobby table, collect votes at the Annual Membership meeting and report the final vote total during the meeting as the Secretary is unavailable on November 18. FOLL had no nominees for Hospitality Director so we continue to seek a person for this position.

B. Approval for \$2,000.00 to fund an information packet to be distributed to new parents by the Library through the Lighthouse Family Counseling Service. Dawna supports the Lighthouse Community Foundation and spoke to Kathryn and Amanda regarding her proposal. They are supportive and Amanda developed a packet to hand out. Dawna moved and Jeri seconded that FOLL provide \$2,000.00 for the proposed literacy program. Discussion: \$2,000.00 allows flexibility should the cost of the books exceed the \$1,800.00 estimate. Teresa suggested additions to the proposal. Gloria moved to reword the motion, Linda D. seconded. Passed. Final: Dawna moved that FOLL provide funding for \$2,000.00 to expand the library's literacy program to include baby books and literacy supportive materials to be distributed through the Lighthouse Family Counseling Service. Linda D. seconded. Passed.

C. Assign FOLL presenter for LAB/LAC meeting, Wednesday, November 1, 6 p.m. – Karen accepted this assignment.

D. Added action item on funding of travel books – Teresa proposed approval of FOLL funding of up to \$1,000.00 for the Lincoln Public Library to purchase updated (post-pandemic) travel guidebooks to refresh its travel guidebook collection. Teresa so moved, Jeri seconded. Passed.

X. Open Discussion

Adjournment – Next meeting is Annual Membership Meeting, November 18, 2023, 11:30 a.m., Willow Room.

Attendance:

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

Library Staff: Kathryn Hunt, Amanda Toohey

Members: Neil Cochran

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary

Report on Family Art Night by Linda Morley

Would Family Art Night be a success?
That was anyone's guess.
Long lines at face painting.
Queued up at caricature creating.
Tiny art show voting.
Ballots awaiting totaling.
Art projects in the making.
No more pizza for the taking.
It was, it seems ...
Beyond our wildest dreams!