

Minutes

Friends of the Lincoln Public Library Board Meeting, May 14, 2024
Willow Room, Twelve Bridges Library, 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
[for approval on June 11, 2024]

I. Call to Order: Vice President Dawna Hawksworth called the meeting to order and asked if there were any items to be added to the agenda. Karen Lindh proposed an item which is now under IX, New Business.

II. Welcome/Introductions – We welcomed Casandra Hawley-Davis

III. Conduct Roll Call; confirm quorum – Jeri Ferris took roll and confirmed quorum.

IV. Library Report – Kathryn Hunt reported FE Technology has the contract for two sets of book lockers (78 book lockers in total) in Lincoln. One set will be outside the library and the other set at the Community Center at 1st and Joiner. The Joiner lockers will provide best access to those struggling economically, perhaps even without a car. They will be installed in the fall and the library welcomes community input as to their design. Also, HVAC work continues but still waiting for parts.

V. Board Action: Approval of April 9, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes – Karen Lindh moved and Sharon Gorley seconded the minutes be approved. Passed.

VI. Officer/Director Reports

A. President – Teresa Lai Stanislaw – by Zoom – thanked Neil Cochran for leading our 2024 Big Day of Giving and announced that Gloria Pilotti-Irey will be the 2025 BDOG chair.

B. Vice President – Dawna Hawksworth – showed us the “Read to Me, Baby” kit with its wonderful contents.

C. Secretary – Jeri Ferris – no report.

D. Treasurer – Gloria Pilotti-Irey – reported \$13,507 income for April (memberships, donations including \$585 from the Orchard Creek Book Group, book sales, partial BDOG, grants, money market interest), April expenses of \$7,284 (usual expenses plus premium of almost \$1,000 for Board members liability insurance). FOLL purchased a new TV and stand, which we used at the meeting today, and

its cost will appear in the June report. We also purchased a "You Rock" rock painting for a May 20 event. Gloria says our Library Community Outreach went \$128 over budget due to purchase of door hanger bags and promotion of book locker coming later. With Board approval, the FOLL 2024 budget for the library has increased to \$132,585, including our book locker portion of about \$35,000.

E. Book Sales Director – Sharon Gorley – reported \$2,010.75 sales for April. We no longer sell books on eBay as our volunteer eBay seller, Teresa Jacobsen, no longer has the time, and says it is now not practical to sell anything under \$50. During Teresa's two years as our eBay seller, she brought in about \$2,500 each year. Thank you, Teresa! We now place the higher priced books at "Top Shelf Books," on the, well, top shelf of the daily book sale section and they will be in a special section for the Big Book Sale. Please let Sharon know if you can help Friday morning with the upcoming Big Book Sale. Friends members receive a 20% discount on all purchases.

F. Community Outreach Director – Linda Derosier – reported Sharon needs a volunteer assistant 4:30-5:30 for book give-away at Family Movie Night, Linda D. represents FOLL at Bingo, Fowlers Farmers Market, Fairy Tale Day, LAB/LAC, Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA), Back to School Bash on July 27 (the DLA and Lighthouse Counseling provide backpacks, school supplies). She attended Rotary last Wednesday and spoke at the Lincoln Hills Foundation meeting on Tuesday, receiving great applause for her message.

G. Grants Director – Neil Cochran – report below.

H. Volunteer and Hospitality Director – Gloria (interim) reported this Saturday's movie will be "Wish." She received many positive comments from volunteers about our Volunteer Appreciation Week (breakroom snacks, \$144); she is working with Sam on the June 22 "How-to Festival"; continues to reach out to volunteers who express an interest in helping FOLL; discussion on what to do with popcorn machine.

I. Membership Director – Linda Morley – reported five renewals and three new members; read a very moving letter written to Dottie Doctor as a result of her "Why I Am a Friend" statement. We get a lot of exposure at the Fowlers Farmers Market (193 and Sierra College), and will be there Sunday, May 26, 9 a.m-1 p.m. FOLL will also be at this Farmers Market in June, date to be determined.

J. Newsletter Director – Karen Lindh – reported the June issue will include articles on BDOG; summer happenings; book sale (with 20% discount for members); the

How-To Festival; a new staff member; regular features; an essay by Gene Wytrykus on why he is a Friend; and an article by Kathryn Hunt.

K. Website and Social Media Director – Gloria reporting for Lynne Rossi – Lynne and Gloria are committed to keeping the FOLL Facebook page active, need to post every other day, want to meet with some of us to come up with ideas for posts. Gloria may meet with a director of the music and acting school in Lincoln to see if any young students might make videos for us. A good one-minute video by Jeri thanking Friends members for BDOG donations.

VII. Committee Reports:

A. BDOG Committee Update – Neil Cochran – reported we received over \$16,000 (possibly more to come) but fell short of our goal of \$20,000. Discussion on fact that most groups received less than in previous years (there are now more than 800 non-profits on the BDOG list). Linda D. suggests we discuss Sam Schlafer's video work at our next meeting. We thanked Neil and his committee for their work on BDOG.

B. Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) Update – Dawna reported the Committee will meet in June when Teresa is back in town, and will present an update and recommendation for the Board at the July meeting.

VIII. Old Business:

A. Update on LAB/LAC meeting of 5/1/2024 – Linda D. presented information on FOLL. Parking discussion. Removal of dumpsters discussion.

B. Acknowledgement of board approval (voted by email) to fund \$435, an increase of \$185 over amount approved at 4/9/2024 meeting, to purchase a TV monitor with stand to be used as a mobile unit for video display using notebook computer.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: Olde Town Pizza - Karen said Olde Town Pizza will allow fundraisers there on Mondays and Tuesdays, at which FOLL receives 20% of the revenue. She will send us further information.

X. Open Discussion, General Announcements, Closing Comments –Linda D. said exposure to books early in life is like having a college education. All families need a home library.

X. Adjournment – Next meeting is Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 10:30 a.m., Willow Room.

Attendance:

Board Members: Neil Cochran, Linda Derosier, Jeri Chase Ferris, Sharon Gorley, Dawna Hawksworth, Karen Lindh, Linda Morley, Gloria Pilotti-Irey, Lynne Rossi (Zoom), Teresa Lai Stanislaw (Zoom).

Library Staff: Kathryn Hunt

Members and visitors: Casandra Hawley-Davis

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary