

Minutes

Friends of the Lincoln Public Library Board Meeting, June 11 2024
Willow Room, Twelve Bridges Library, 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
[for approval on July 9, 2024]

I. Call to Order: President Teresa Lai Stanislaw called the meeting to order.

II. Welcome/Introductions – we welcomed Betsey Williams.

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

IV. Library Report – Kathryn Hunt reported over 800 readers for the Summer Reading Program; summer hours in effect; long process with city to have the recycling bins moved (the work going on next to the recycling bins is an expansion of the high school's sports field); book lockers are in process; library will have new self-checks thanks to FOLL. Discussion on budget process. Dawna Hawksworth suggested the hand-written signs in the library be professionally printed.

V. Board Action: Approval of May 14 Board Meeting Minutes – Dawna moved and Karen Lindh seconded the minutes be approved. Passed.

VI. Officer/Director Reports

A. President – Teresa Lai Stanislaw – no report.

B. Vice President – Dawna Hawksworth – no report.

C. Secretary – Jeri Ferris – no report.

D. Treasurer – Gloria Pilotti-Irey – reported \$7,986 income for May, mainly from BDOG (more BDOG to be reported in June) and book sales, and \$4,536 expenses for usual costs plus \$478 to cover ZipBook gap funding. FOLL account balance as of May 31, 2024, \$208,388. FOLL purchased white boards for the library, will show as a credit card expense in June; FOLL purchased materials for “You Rock,” Summer Reading Program, How-to Festival, and these costs will also appear on the June report.

E. Book Sales Director – Sharon Gorley – reported \$2,426 sales for May. She said the vintage cart and our new “Top Shelf Books” shelf are both doing very well;

thanked all helpers for their hard work every day and especially those setting up the big sale. Discussion on Venmo use and fees.

F. Community Outreach Director – Linda Derosier – reported there will be an e-blast tomorrow about the June Book Sale; showed us new library signs thanking FOLL for programs, also metal plate on each new table paid for by FOLL with attribution to FOLL; the two Lindas were at the Fowler's Farmers Market and Linda D. read to the children. The Back to School Bash will occur on July 27, 9-noon, at Beerman Plaza and Linda D. invites us to join her there.

G. Grants Director – Neil Cochran – reported \$5,500 in grants so far this year, which is 44% of the total yearly goal.

H. Volunteer and Hospitality Director – Gloria (interim) reported we need more volunteers; attendance at May Family Movie Night was low, perhaps because movie was on Disney channel, next movie is "Kung Fu Panda 4" and she expects a full house. FOLL is providing water for the How-to Festival on June 22; the popcorn machine was given to Carlin Coppin Elementary School; FOLL is donating 200-300 weeded mg/ya books to Glen Edwards Middle School; Karen Lindh says the newsletter will have an article on what FOLL donates. Discussion on where to donate adult Spanish-language books.

I. Membership Director – Linda Morley absent, sent report – two new members, eight renewals, 300 total membership as of May 31, 2024; she took photos at the "Teen Day Paint a Rock," and the Fowler's Market May 30; will have a membership table at the June book sale and promote the 20% discount on books for FOLL members; made FOLL bookmarks for distribution; will attend the How-to Festival on June 22; will ask a member why they are a member of FOLL and send their answer and photo to Karen for our monthly newsletter.

J. Newsletter Director – Karen Lindh – reported the newsletter has over 1300 subscribers (!); July issue will include Book Sale recap; How-to Festival recap; summer hours and July 4 close; July "puzzle-off" teen jigsaw puzzle event; lecture by Kathryn Hunt on famous writers and their animals; library programs; Summer Youth Writing Contest deadline July 31; "Why I Am a Friend"; how to attend board meeting on Zoom; Back to School Bash; FOLL will buy books (*The Inheritance Game*) for the Teen Advisory Board book club Cover to Cover for the school year 2024-25; "Stuffy Night"; incredible Summer Reading Program.

K. Website and Social Media Director – Lynne Rossi - reported on Facebook postings.

VII. Committee Reports:

A. Committee Report: BDOG Committee Update – Neil Cochran – reported we received a total of \$16,196 from BDOG, 48% of this from repeat contributors, suggests more publicity. Lynne says she sent out 83 letters, 43 of them sent in donations. Problem is there are now 800+ organizations in BDOG who want our contributions.

B. Committee Report: Strategic Planning Committee Update – Dawna reported the Committee will meet on June 25 to review progress, with a report to FOLL in July.

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. FOLL table at How-to Festival, Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Gloria reported she needs volunteers; discussion on snacks; discussion on what to do at the table: a snack for kids to take, provide info on how to be a FOLL member, how to support the library. Karen said, "If it's fun, it's paid for by the Friends."

B. Back to School Bash, Saturday, July 27 – Linda D. said wear blue shirt.

C. Library Staff Recognition for FOLL volunteers – Linda D. led discussion on how individual board members may contribute to a gift card for Sam Schlafer to thank him for making the BDOG videos (no FOLL funds would be used).

X. Discussion, General Announcements, Closing Comments

XI. Adjournment – Next meeting is Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 10:30 a.m., FIR Room.

Attendance:

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

Library Staff: Kathryn Hunt

Members and visitors: Jo Jones, Betsey Williams

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary