

Minutes

Friends of the Lincoln Public Library Board Meeting, September 10, 2024
Willow Room, Twelve Bridges Library, 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
[for approval on October 8, 2024]

I. Call to Order: Vice President Dawna Hawksworth called the meeting to order.

II. Welcome/Introductions – we welcomed Gail McCloud, Kris Knutson, and Eric Kurland. Kris and Eric spoke about the Lincoln Community Foundation (LCF) and the importance of libraries, then presented a check for \$1,000 to FOLL in response to Neil Cochran's grant request. Thank you! Kris also spoke about the monthly Bingo events they put on as fund raisers for non-profits (second Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., McBean Pavilion).

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

IV. Board Action: Approval of Board meeting minutes from August 13, 2024.

V. Library Report – Kathryn Hunt reported self-check machines are installed and in use; book lockers will be installed downtown this fall; she requests FOLL funding for community outreach (see IX A). Sam Schlafer and Toni Jenkins reported the library is starting door-to-door outreach with door hangers next week; Tiny Art supplies are sold out; a talented teen did the cover art for the Youth Writers anthology; asked FOLL to fund \$500 for a TeenTober essay contest on the value of the library (see IX B); possibly a musical quartet with cello in December. Discussion. Linda Morley added that at the last meeting a woman gave a generous donation to FOLL because of the kindness of our staff. Sam shared a touching story of a young girl who asked for colored pencils from the staff years ago, has ended up as an artist and teacher and thanks our staff for her career.

VI. Officer/Director Reports

A. President – Teresa Lai Stanislaw, via Zoom – her report will appear in VII A below.

B. Vice President – Dawna Hawksworth – no report.

C. Secretary – Jeri Ferris – no report.

D. Treasurer – Gloria Pilotti-Irey – reported \$8,920 income for August and \$3,329 expenses. FOLL paid \$14,042 for its share of the five new self-check stations which will appear in next month's statement. Gloria has set up a FOLL Amazon Prime Business Account and added Sam and Tonie to the account. All requests will be sent to Gloria for final approval. She is confident this process provides sufficient controls to prevent misuse of this account.

E. Book Sales Director – Sharon Gorley – reported \$2,167 book sales in August, totaling \$18,032 to date.

F. Community Outreach Director – Linda Derosier – reported on two volunteer opportunities: (1) City of Lincoln Senior Health & Resource Fair, Wednesday, Sept. 18, 10-2, McBean Park Pavilion, and passed sign-up for two volunteers to hand out FOLL information; (2) Lincoln Hills Foundation (LHF) Bingo on Wednesday, September 25, 12:30 p.m. Orchard Creek. It is very important that we all show up as FOLL is the featured grantee and will have a special table displaying FOLL's contributions to the library. Linda D. presented a new opportunity – should FOLL host Lincolnopoly Night at the Library? The Downtown Lincoln Association has created a “monopoly” game featuring Lincoln businesses and has asked FOLL to host an event to highlight the library and sell the game. Discussion. Will follow up on this opportunity.

G. Grants Director – Neil Cochran – thanked LCF for its \$1,000 grant; received \$1,000 from the Lincoln Rotary Club for children's nonfiction books; the LHF funds large-print books and has a questionnaire on the book shelf asking for comments; Neil will meet with the LHF, LCF, and Rods and Relics Club; is working on a grant request to Sierra Pacific Foundation.

H. Membership Director – Linda Morley – reported three renewals in August, no new members; worked on Family Art Night Tiny Art bags; very busy with photography for FOLL.

I. Newsletter Director – Karen Lindh reported the October newsletter will be crowded as it is a very busy month. She will include Family Art Night and Tiny Art show; book lockers with photos; November FOLL book sale and annual membership meeting with elections; Youth Literary Festival; Library Book Festival with a panel of authors; Halloween Spooktacular; lots of Teen Advisory Board events and TeenTober; thank you to Lincoln Rotary and LCF; Family Movie Night; book clubs; regular monthly programs; a brief history of FOLL in honor of Friends of the Libraries Month by Desiree; Why I Am A Friend essay by Bob Green.

J. Volunteer and Hospitality Director – Gloria (interim) reported 86 in attendance at the August Family Movie Night; September's movie is “The Garfield Movie”; she has volunteers scheduled for Family Art Night; cookies, drink, and pizza for

200 with contingency plan if more pizza is needed. Contact Gloria or Linda D. to help with door-hanger distribution next week.

K. Website and Social Media Director – Lynne Rossi reported she has dramatically increased social media postings; we all need to be on Facebook and respond to the postings; currently 470 followers; Lynne needs someone here to run Zoom next month.

Karen moved we extend our meeting until 12:15 today only, Gloria seconded. Motion passed.

VII. Standing Committee Reports:

A. Annual Membership Meeting Committee – Teresa confirmed meeting set for Saturday, November 23, 2024, lunch time, Willow Room. No Board meeting on November 12. The committee (Teresa, Sharon, Gloria, and Marti Loew) will meet Wednesday morning, October 23, to discuss the agenda, caterer, and speakers – please send Teresa your ideas.

B. Nominations Committee – Jo Jones (reported earlier in the meeting as she had to leave) thanked Karen for doing an article on the Board election; said nomination forms are being turned in; next meeting in October to solidify slate of officers. Committee members are Mary Nader, Karen, Jo, Sharon, Cassandra.

C. Strategic Planning Committee – Dawna Hawksworth reported we need to turn in our Director reports (see Standing Rules) by September 20; the committee will meet October 1 in the Tech Room to review procedures and reports.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Additional funds needed for Library Community Outreach category – Gloria reported the library has requested \$1,200 for community outreach and suggests a budget of \$1,200 to cover the current negative balance of -\$128, 1,000 door hanger bags (\$650) and 1,000 bookmarks (\$150) – this will allow about \$200 for any other expenses that may arise before the end of the year. She moved to increase the FOLL budget to \$1,200 for library community outreach, Linda D. seconded, motion passed.

B. Proposed new teen program, an essay shopping spree. Gloria moved we provide \$500 as a budget line item for the teen shopping spree contest, which

will cover \$400 for books and \$100 for gift cards, those books will then be featured in the teen section; Lynne seconded; motion passed.

Open Discussion, General Announcements, Closing Comments:

Do doorhanger bags include FOLL information? Yes.

When gift cards are given, we will now put the FOLL icon on the envelope.

We need "Friends of the Lincoln Library" pens.

Adjourned at 12:04 exactly – Next meeting is Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 10:30 a.m., Willow Room.

Attendance:

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

Library Staff: Kathryn Hunt, Sam Schlafer, Toni Jenkins

Members and visitors: Jo Jones, past president, Gail McCloud, Kris Knutson, Eric Kurland, Whitney Eklund (Zoom)

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary