

## Minutes

Friends of the Lincoln Public Library Board Meeting, October 8, 2024  
Willow Room, Twelve Bridges Library, 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
[for approval on November 23, 2024]

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

II. Welcome/Introductions

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

IV. Board Action: Approval of Board meeting minutes from September 10, 2024.

V. Library Report – none

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, absent – Teresa read Gloria's report: September income \$3,715 (mainly from book sales and Lincoln Community Foundation (LCF) grant); September expenses \$20,414 (usual stuff plus new self checks, \$14,042, and books for Free Teen Book Day, \$1,558). Upcoming significant expenses: October - Family Art Night – Artists' fees (\$1,200) and Pizza dinner (\$1,100 estimate) and Children's Nonfiction Books purchased with Rotary Grant (\$1,000); November - Downtown Book Locker (\$35,000 budgeted), with installation expected to be complete by mid-November.

E. Book Sales Director – Sharon Gorley – reported \$1,883 book sales in September, totaling \$19,919 to date. Sharon asked for volunteers to help in giving out free books at Family Movie Night.

F. Community Outreach Director – Linda Derosier – attended Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) meeting; Team Linda participated in the Great Auburn Ravine & City Parks cleanup and chose the Lincoln Library grounds as their spot, picking up 60 pounds (!) of trash; participated in doorknob bag drop; 19 FOLL members

attended the latest Bingo game, three members won, and a non-member gave her \$150 winnings to FOLL; new Lincoln Serves Committee to coordinate Lincoln activities; National Friends of the Library Week is coming up and we are already doing much of what the American Library Association suggests, including our information table in the lobby.

G. Grants Director – Neil Cochran – gave a detailed report on his work, beginning with the LCF \$1,000 grant for Family Movie Night and said he discussed Kathryn Hunt's new request for funding of the library's database software at \$800 per year with LCF President Kris Knutson. Neil expects a positive response. LCF also invites us to join their monthly Bingo fundraising games. FOLL member George Funk submitted FOLL's application for a grant of about \$25,000 to be shared with Rods & Relics Car Club, to help cover our \$35,000 commitment for the new book locker in northwest Lincoln, but unfortunately this was not granted. Neil submitted a grant application to the Lincoln Hills Foundation (LHF) for large print books, as before, and has just received confirmation of \$3,000 for HOOPLA and \$8,150 for large print and audio books. Lincoln Rotary Club will continue their \$1,000 grant for hard-cover biographies. Neil is submitting a request to the Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation for a large grant and asks for suggestions on possible projects to propose.

H. Membership Director – Linda Morley – reported one new member in September, for a total of 321 members; 150 Tiny Art canvases have been turned in for Family Art Night; suggests each board member submit one sentence on "Why I Am A Friend," for the December newsletter.

I. Newsletter Director – Karen Lindh reported the November newsletter will include "a summary on the state of the library," by Kathryn Hunt; November hours; upcoming events; a recap of Family Art Night and photos from October events; regular features; Why I Am A Friend; and Time to Renew Your Membership.

J. Volunteer and Hospitality Director – Gloria (interim) – absent – report read by Teresa: About 80 folks attended September Movie Night; Family Art Night, October 12, is all organized and volunteers set to go. She thanked Karen Lindh, Darla Campbell and Brenda Knaack for taking over in her absence.

K. Website and Social Media Director – Lynne Rossi (absent) – no report. Karen commented that our Instagram and Facebook posts have been so timely and engaging that we should feel proud. And of course Booker is everywhere.

VII. Standing Committee Reports:

- A. Nominations Committee – Jo Jones reported they have received the following nominations to be voted upon at the November meeting: Secretary, Linda M.; Treasurer, Gloria; Community Outreach, Linda D.; Grants, Neil; Membership, Cassandra Davis; Social Media, Lynne. Committee members are Mary Nader, Karen, Jo, Sharon, Cassandra.
- B. Strategic Planning Committee – Dawna Hawksworth reported no change to the by-laws, the committee will meet again and report in December. See New Business for Standing Rules.
- C. Annual Membership Meeting Committee – Teresa Lai Stanislaw reported Joan Griffin, author, will be the guest speaker; will have election results, library report, lunch; requested suggestions for caterer.

#### VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nomination Committee's proposed slate of candidates for November 2024 election – Karen moved, Dawna seconded we approved the slate as in VIIA above. Passed.
- B. Standing Rules – Dawna handed out a summary of the Standing Rules; Board members who are affected by the Standing Rules changes will need to review their own procedure to assure that they reflect the revised Rules. Linda M. commented on photo credits. Discussion. Karen clarified section on reimbursement. Teresa moved, Karen seconded that members approve updated Standing Rules. Passed.
- D. Lincoln Community Foundation BINGO sponsorship 2025 – Neil handed out a detailed summary of key points and also showed ten pages of directions for organizing a Bingo night. Discussion: how many would actually attend? Suggestion that we go to one next year as a group and check it out. Don't want to compete with LHF Bingo.

X. Open Discussion, General Announcements, Closing Comments: Linda D. showed the Lincolnopoly game; Dawna commented on library interior signage; discussion of doorknob book bags and FOLL promos.

Adjourned at 11:55 a.m. – Next meeting is the Annual Meeting, Saturday, 11:30-1:00, November 23, 2024, Willow Room.

Attendance:

Board Members: Teresa Lai Stanislaw, Dawna Hawksworth, Jeri Chase Ferris, Sharon Gorley, Linda Derosier, Neil Cochran, Linda Morley, Karen Lindh

Library Staff: none

Members and visitors: Jo Jones, past president

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary