

Minutes

Friends of the Lincoln Public Library Annual Meeting

November 23, 2024

Willow Room, 11:30 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.

[for approval on December 10, 2024]

Doors opened at 11:00 a.m. and lunch was catered by Sourdough & Co. (12 Bridges location). The meeting started at 11:30.

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

II. Welcome/Introductions – Teresa opened the meeting by welcoming 34 members and thanking them for attending. She then introduced Library Director Kathryn Hunt.

III. Kathryn Hunt spoke about how vital “friends” organizations are to the library community in general and specifically how important FOLL is to the Lincoln Public Library. Kathryn pointed out that FOLL is an all-volunteer entity including board members and how we support activities such as Family Movie Night, Family Art Night, Mother Goose on the Loose, etc. The library has an average of 250,000 library visits per year equivalent to 5 visits per each Lincoln resident. Volunteers provide about 1,000 hours each month in library operations assistance. She thanked FOLL and the members, donors and supporters.

IV. Treasurer – Gloria Pilotti-Irey - gave a presentation on our financial status including revenue, expenses, major purchases of check-out stations and the book locker for 2024 and offered 2025 plans including new furniture for the children's area. Gloria also reviewed the accounting procedures in place to ensure we follow good fiduciary practices. Members were advised that FOLL would be receiving \$200,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the City of Lincoln and that FOLL has entered into a

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City to use the funds for library infrastructure improvements and community outreach equipment and materials.

V. Vice President Dawna Hawksworth provided a total vote count of 49 for the 2025 elections, confirmed a quorum was met and introduced the following incoming board members:

Secretary: Linda Morley

Treasurer: Gloria Pilotti-Irey

Community Outreach Director: Linda Derosier

Grants Director: Neil Cochran

Membership Director: Cassandra Hawley-Davis

Social Media Director: Lynne Rossi

VI. Community Outreach Director – Linda Derosier – introduced guest speaker author Joan Griffin and her friend and fellow hiker “Cappy” who gave an engaging and fun talk about Joan’s book *Force of Nature*. Joan met with several members and offered copies of her book for sale after her presentation.

Adjourned at 1:10 p.m. – Next board meeting is December 10, 2024, 10:30 a.m., Willow Room.

Linda Derosier gave a brief library tour to three interested members.

Submitted by Jeri Chase Ferris, Secretary, from thorough notes taken by Linda Morley and additions by Teresa Lai Stanislaw and Gloria Pilotti-Irey.