

Friends of the Lincoln Public Library Board Meeting, May 13, 2025

Willow Room, Twelve Bridges Library, 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

[for approval on June 10, 2025]

I. Call to Order: Teresa Lai Stanislaw

II. Welcome/Introductions – Teresa Lai Stanislaw

III. Conduct Roll Call; Confirm quorum – Linda Morley took roll and confirmed quorum. After roll call, Dawna made a motion to amend the agenda of item VIII to Board Discussion. Teresa seconded the motion. Approved.

IV. Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Board meeting minutes from April 8, 2025- Approved by consent
- b. Confirmation of Electronic Board Approval of the following LPL proposals: (1) FOLL's support of having Booker and Booklet as mascots of both FOLL and the LPL; and (2) approval of an additional \$2,200 in "Library Program Materials & Supplies" for the purchase of small owls, and \$200 for "Prizes & Gift Card for Contests" for photo contests awards. [Note: 10 of the 11 Board Members voted electronically to approve these two proposals. All 10 voted "yes".]

Library Report – Kathryn Hunt (invited) – Sam Schlafer and Tonie Jenkins : With support from Live Beyond, LPL celebrated "Library Joy" on Saturday, May 10. Live Beyond focuses on teen and youth mental health and invited Mychal Threets to speak while FOLL provided refreshments. Summer Reading program : Destination Reading. Staff will distribute "Bookers Buddy" small owls and encourage folks to take them on their travels and provide LPL with "buddy" vacation photos for a contest. Tonie showed several crafts that will be offered for the SR program and a passport that will be used to introduce learning about the library. The writing contest is now open with one submission received already. There will be an introduction to short story writing on June 25 , 1pm with James L'Toile. LPL will be starting a "tween" summer reading program. Linda Derosier will start a "grown up " movie matinee on Saturdays. There will be a "teentern" author event at McBean Pavilion with Stephanie Garber on June 12 and staff might distribute free books to teens to encourage attendance and introduce book club. Library may do a summer school event at Carlin Coppin and Creekside Oaks. This is still in the planning stages and staff are considering making a temporary library card for children and encouraging visits to the library. Puppet show at the library June 11 , 1pm

VI. Officer/Director Reports

A. President – Teresa Lai Stanislaw – RAL has been completed. Visited 9 schools, gave out 1,300 books during 6 class assemblies and 24 individual class visits. This year's book was "Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away." Anticipate that at least one child from each school will comment that we came to their school when they visit the library in the future.

B. Vice President – Dawna Hawksworth – no report

C. Secretary – Linda Morley – Photographed: RAL school visits, Fairy Tale Day, TAB Poetry Slime and Library Joy

D. Treasurer – Gloria Pilotti-Irey – April Revenue; \$9,795 (Primarily book sales, LHF quarterly grant payment, BDOG and Interest) April expenses paid: \$6,615 usual expenses) FOLL Funds available: \$186,370 (up about \$4,000 from last month)

This month, FOLL purchased 45 new children's graphic novels with an unsolicited \$500 grant from a family charitable fund. (no public recognition)

Introduced Carol Dickey who has volunteered to work with Gloria on treasurer duties. Carol has a financial background and is currently the bookkeeper for Lincoln Hills Foundation. If all goes smoothly, she may be interested in joining the board as treasurer in 2026.

E. Book Sales Director – Sharon Gorley – Daily sales \$1628 plus \$182 from reseller Rebecca. Total: \$1810 Big book sale is June 14 and If anyone wants to help, please contact Sharon.

F. Community Outreach Director - Linda Derosier – RAL doubled book distributions this year over past years. DLA meeting – lots of activities in the works– Downtown Lincoln Beerman's building has been purchased by Rock Star Academy owner to provide a venue for teen and children activities including plays and comedy nights. Grown up matinees will kick off at LPL on July 19 with "Grease" . Linda D and Linda M will go to Fowler's farmers market twice this summer. LHF Bingo is June 24, 12:20-3pm – distributed signup sheet and would like board members to attend as FOLL will be the recognized grantee.

G. Grants Director – Neil Cochran – Attended Lincoln Hills Foundation board meeting with Linda D to give annual report on our grant usage. Discussed what more we can do for seniors in the community. Neil would like to send direct mail to LH residents to encourage more involvement in the library through FOLL membership and library card applications. Gloria mentioned connecting the future library funding issues to direct mail to let the community know about that upcoming issue. Neil's intention is to ask LHF to fund the cost of the mailing.

H. Membership Director – Cassandra Hawley-Davis – Quiet time for membership with only 1 member in April and 1 so far in May. Total members= 305 Would like to have a membership table at all events. Thinking about having an event with live entertainment in late October with attendees buying tickets for a nominal fee. Considering a “book character” costume party with prizes and would like to work with local Lincoln business to donate gift cards or dinner coupons as prizes.

I. Newsletter Director – Karen Lindh- June = Summer Book Sale, BDOG, Summer Reading, Photos from Joy of Reading, TAB, Teenterns Book event and Regular features

J. Social Media Director – Lynne Rossi – absent

K. Volunteer and Hospitality Director – Wanda Melilli – Provided refreshments at Library Joy event- reported that 160 made succulent pots and 90 made tea packets. Michael Threets was wonderful. May Family Movie night will be “Dogman.”

VII. Standing Committee Reports:

A. BDOG Committee Update and Report- Gloria Irey : BDOG 2025 raised \$13.8 million for 855 nonprofits.

FOLL Total 2025 donations \$16,040 from 146 donors. FOLL BDOG since 2016 = \$98,950

B. Strategic Planning Committee Update- Dawna Hawksworth Committee will be meeting again later this summer to continue work on updating/revising SP.

VIII. Carry Over Business

- A. Board Action – Board Action – Board Approval requested of the revisions proposed (and distributed to the Board) by the Strategic Planning Committee to the Major Contributor Recognition Policy and Procedures. Specifically, the SPC seeks board approval of the new FOLL Major Donor Recognition Policy and the FOLL Major Donor Recognition Procedures. Discussion: Gloria commented that she spent time over the weekend revising the recognition procedure document and would also like Lynne Rossi to review her draft. If a policy is changed , those changes should be incorporated into the affected director’s procedures as well to make sure there is continuity across all documents. Agreed upon that the board approves policy, and the procedures are how directors implement policy. Additional discussion on terminology of donor vs contributors – SP Committee will finalize this.

IX. New Business

A. Linda D showed a small notebook/pen promotional item for giveaway on library tours and at the annual meeting. Asked for approval on spending \$233 and moved we purchase. Wanda seconded and the board voted to approve this expense.

X. General Announcements, Closing Comments : None

XI: Adjournment : Adjourned at 12:05

Attendance:

Board Members: Teresa Lai Stanislaw, Dawna Hawksworth, Gloria Pilotti-Irey, Linda Derosier, Neil Cochran, Linda Morley, Karen Lindh, Sharon Gorley, Wanda Melilli, Cassandra Hawley-Davis

Library Staff: Tonie Jenkins, Sam Schlafer

Members and visitors: Chris Guyon, Carol Dickey

- Next Board Meeting Date – June 10, 2025 – Willow Room
- Big Book Sale- June 14, 2025

Submitted by Linda Morley, Secretary