

Minutes of the Friends of Lincoln Public Library Meeting of August 12, 2025

I. Gloria called the meeting to order at 10:36 am.

II. Gloria welcomed members and staff.

III. Attendance:

Teresa - present by phone

Gloria - present

Sharon - present

Linda D. - present

Neil - present

Cassandra - present

Karen - present

Wanda - present

Lynne - present

Excused absences: Dawna and Linda M

IV. Consent Calendar - Wanda moved, Cassandra seconded, Consent calendar approved

V. Library Report - Sam and Tonie

- Reported that this year will be a “Bigger, Bolder, Better Family Art Night.” The date is **Saturday, October 11, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm**. Attendance is expected to grow to 700-800.
 - 400 Tiny Art Kits are ordered and registration is ready for Aug. 25 kickoff;
 - Face painters, caricaturists, a balloon artist, instructional art session, musician and adult and kid art projects are planned.
- Summer Youth Writing Contest - 85 submissions with the Youth Literary Festival scheduled for November.
- 200 entries in the Summer Photo Contest with Booker Buddy. Board asked to vote.
- Staff seeking funds to pay for special Booker Library Cards; deferred to new business.
- Looking for volunteers for Library Tours for school aged children.

Kathryn added:

- Summer Reading had 1080 sign ups, 7200 hours read and 1200 reward books.
- Her presentation to LAB/LAC on funding ebooks is now online.
 - Teresa added that the numbers are startling with Libby checkouts at 8¢ each and Hoopla \$2.31, per person annual average Libby \$1.74 and Hoopla \$21.40.
- 43 library cards were issued at WPUSD back to school resource fair.
- Working with Junior Rhinos organization to optimize parking for patrons during sports events.

VI. Officer/Director reports:

- Teresa congratulated Linda D. on conducting library tours.
- Gloria distributed a handout with end of July figures: revenues received \$6,106, expenses \$5,952, with FOLL funds available at \$201,088. She noted that the library vehicle will cost about \$60,000 with funds coming from CD (funded through ARPA grant) and transferred to City account.
- Sharon reported Total July Sales of \$1714.10, with \$1404 from Secondhand Prose. She added that Venmo is increasingly popular, representing nearly 15%. She also noted that we are helping *Crumb Bake Shop* stock her Little Free Library, using library books taken out of circulation.
- Linda D reported that July and August were busy with 2 back to school events, DLA and Lincoln Serves meetings, National Night Out, and book giveaway at Family Movie Night.
- Neil submitted necessary reporting to Lincoln Hills Foundation and will be meeting on Sept. 9 with LHF's coordinator to discuss grant applications for next year. He has also approached Lincoln Community Foundation for \$3,000 for Family Movie Night and Spanish language catalog and is optimistic.
- Cassandra reported on membership changes since the last meeting for 2025 and 2026, with 5 renewals and 3 new, for a total of 315 members. She also discussed a possible author event to be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Waiting for confirmation, and depending on which author, the Annual Meeting could be in October or November.
- Karen reported that top two articles will be Family Art Night and Tiny Art Contest, with photos from August events, wrap up of Summer Reading, National Library Card Sign Up month, teen events and usual features on upcoming programs and book clubs.
- Wanda reported that 15 people attended Linda D's presentation of Grease, and 55 people attended Family Movie Night.

VII. Standing Committee reports:

- Annual Membership Meeting was discussed by Cassandra as part of Membership report
- Nomination Committee chair will be appointed by Teresa from among the Directors who are not up for election this year. Gloria distributed 2026 FOLL Board Officer/Director Nomination Form, and indicated that one can self nominate or nominate someone else. Wanda indicated that she will not seek reelection.

VIII. Carryover Business:

- Discussion of 40th anniversary was deferred to the next meeting, due to the time.

IX. New Business

- Wanda handed out a list of assignments for Family Art Night; Linda D agreed to be Team Leader for Greeters and Brenda Knaack was suggested as Team Leader for Food, with Gloria agreeing to take the role if Brenda isn't available.
- Wanda moved that the Board approve staff's request for \$1,000 for Booker Library cards, on condition that FOLL's logo is added. Cassandra seconded and the motion was approved.

X. General Announcements

- Linda noted that Sun City Lincoln Hills will be holding its annual Expo on September 30, and asked for volunteers for the FOLL booth.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15

Submitted by Karen Lindh