

Friends of the Lincoln Public Library Board Meeting, November 11, 2025

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

[for approval on December 9, 2025]

I. Call to Order – Teresa Lai Stanislaw 10:35am

II. Welcome/Introductions – Teresa Lai Stanislaw - Teresa welcomed Kris Knutson, Colleen Ewert, and Carol Dickey

Neil introduced Kris Knutson , President of Lincoln Community Foundation who presented FOLL with a \$3,000 grant check. Kris commented on the positive effects of the library's increased usage data and complimented FOLL on its support of programs. He also generously welcomed our future requests when we need funding for various activities. Kris also offered optional Bingo fundraising days of Friday or Saturday and encouraged us to consider this effort explaining that many nonprofits net \$10,000 from the proceeds.

III. Conduct Roll Call: Confirmed Quorum – Linda Morley Quorum confirmed.

IV. Consent Items:

a. Approval of Annual Membership Meeting Minutes from October 25, 2025.

b. Confirm electronic board approval of the Nomination Committee's proposed 2026 election slate:

President – Gloria Pilotti Irey

Book Sales Director – Sharon Gorley

Newsletter Director - Karen Lindh

Volunteer & Hospitality Director – Colleen Ewert

c. Confirm electronic board approval of \$1,400 for 2 new carts for book sales.

d. Confirm electronic board approval of \$500 budget increase for expedited purchase of 115.

copies of the 2025 Summer Youth Writing Contest Anthology

V. Library Report – Kathryn Hunt - (invited) Absent due to Veteran's Day Holiday

VI. Officer/Director Reports

A. President - Teresa Lai Stanislaw: Annual Meeting was successful and thank you to Cassandra , Sharon, and Marti Loew. I attended LAB/LAC meeting and learned that the library will discontinue HOOPLA as of Jan 1, 2026. LAB/LAC elected a new chair, David Villegas and new Vice Chair Jason Price.

Wanda Melilli resigned as Volunteer and Hospitality Director on Oct 27, and Carol Dickey will complete Wanda's term which was to end December 31, 2025

Karen asked about HOOPLA budgeted funds usage and Gloria advised some of it to be redirected to Libby and help expand the availability of the Libby audio book collection.

B. Vice President - Dawna Hawksworth: None

C. Secretary - Linda Morley: Photography : Family Art Night, Annual Meeting. Plan to attend November events: Library Book Festival, Book Sale, TAB Cookie decorating party.

D. Treasurer - Gloria Pilotti-Irey: Provided a written report and budget documents to all board members. Recapped the following and answered

(Submitted via email)

Account Balances

I would like to explain the adjustment we made to the prior reported balances (\$59,195.36). The library van has been ordered. Payment will be made upon delivery. Thus, the expenditure has not yet occurred. In the meantime, the funds designated for the van purchase will remain in FOLL's Prepaid City Account.

Income and Expense Report

Significant expenditures for October -

- Line 15: Purchased books for Teen Free Book Day (distributed at Lincoln HS and TBHS)
- Line 27: Renewed subscription to Beanstack (Online service for summer reading and other book challenges)
- Line 32: Family Art Night face painters, etc.
- Line 39: Family Art Night pizza, etc.
- I will provide a summary of the Family Art Night expenses at the Board meeting (still working on it)

We have two budget line items where FOLL has exceeded its approved budget amount by more than \$100. At the November meeting, I will request Board approval for budget increases.

- Hoopla - The anticipated Hoopla costs were \$19,000 (FOLL \$15,000 and City \$4,000). FOLL has now paid \$15,799, exceeding the budget by about \$800. The

library plans to discontinue Hoopla as of January 1, 2026. Thus, there are 3 months of service yet to be paid (October, November, and December), totaling \$4,740 (\$1580 per month) that would be paid with City funds.

- Annual Membership Meeting - The expenditure for the annual meeting was \$666. Approved budget amount is \$500, exceeding the budget by about \$170. (The \$666 is comprised of \$508 for Todd Borg books and \$158 for food and other items)

2026 Proposed Budget

Presented the proposed budget The proposed budget which was developed from past expenditure data and input from the Library Director and various Board members. Answered a few questions regarding specific line items. The final 2026 Budget will be presented at the December Board meeting for Board approval.

Other Stuff

Federal & State Financial Reports for 2024 have been filed.

- New book carts have arrived (\$1,393)
- Read Across Lincoln books for 2026 have arrived (\$5,289)

These two credit card purchases will appear in the November income and expense report.

E. Book Sales Director-Sharon Gorley: (Absent) Report submitted by Gloria:

October books sales totaled \$2,256 (daily sales \$1,784 and Rebekah \$472)

Holiday BIG Book Sale – Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9am to 1pm.

- Target sales \$2,500
- Some wonderful books for sale in Willow Room in the "Exceptional Books at Exceptional Prices" section
- Large selection of cookbooks, thanks to Dottie Doctor for securing a donation of over 150 beautiful books from her friend, Richard Bostdorff.
- Help is needed on Friday to set up the paperbacks in the Willow Room. Book sale set up is from 10:30 am to noon. Sign-up sheet is on the door of the FOLL office.

F. Community Outreach Director - Linda Derosier:

9/9/25 Lincoln Serves Committee

(Needs someone to take her place on Nov 18 @ 3pm meeting-Neil will attend)

9/17 Library tour for 10 members of Bickford Ranch book club – 2 joined FOLL

9/20 Family Movie night book give away with Sharon.

9/25 Senior Health and Resource Fair with Linda M – screen wipes, videos , LP books

9/27 Auburn Ravine Clean-up of LPL grounds with Dawna, Linda M, Teresa, & Marti Loew

9/30 SCLH EXPO with Sharon, Teresa & Cassandra - pens & mini packs of tissues

10/9 DLA (downtown Lincoln Association)

(Need someone to take her place on Nov 13 DLA meeting at 8:30am at City Hall- Gloria will attend)

10/11 Family Art Night greeter with 5 volunteers

10/25 FOLL Annual membership meeting missed (out of town)

10/31 Declined to participate in Trick or Treat on Beerman Plaza

12/4 Declined to participate in Chamber of Commerce Lincoln Holiday Hometown Bazaar/Street Faire

TBD Santa in the Plaza – DLA event 12/13 or 12/20

I am having cataract surgery on 11/13 & 12/4.

G. Grants Director -Neil Cochran: Recapped Lincoln Community Foundation \$3,000 grant

Lincoln Hills Foundation will make their 2026 grant decision this month and FOLL has requested \$13,000. LHF supports services for seniors including large print and audio books and Hoopla. Will find out decision in December – we receive payments in quarterly installments.

H. Membership Director- Cassandra Hawley-Davis: October current members 350 (2025 & 2026) 12 new members and 29 renewals in October. 48 members are on autorenewal throughout the year. Will send out renewal notice reminders this month.

I. Newsletter Director- Karen Lindh: December newsletter plans include Community Aspirations Report, Hoopla cancellation, Battle of the Books, Holiday Crafts, Youth Literary Festival, Library Book Festival, Big Book Sale. 2026 Budget highlights, Membership Renewal

J. Social Media Director- Lynne Rossi: Still working on database issues and catching up on activities after returning from travels. Cassandra suggested her son may be able to help with the database problem as he is a programmer.

K. Volunteer and Hospitality Director-(Wanda Melilli resigned on 10/27/2025)

Gloria read report: 30 attendees at October Family Movie night. November expects big crowd for “Bad Guys 2.”

VII. Standing Committee Reports:

Presentation of Draft 2026-2028 Strategic Plan – Dawna

Thanked former member Neil for serving on the committee earlier in the year.

Committee: Dawna, Karen Lindh, and Chris Guyon. Cassandra, Membership Director, was an ad hoc member to develop membership goals but remained to contribute to the entire proposed plan. For new plan, focused on member engagement. Committee will meet on November 19 to prepare the final document and requested input from board by November 18. Will send out Google doc so board members can see others comments and provide their own feedback. Committee: Dawna, Karen Lindh, and Chris Guyon
Gloria asked about Goal 4 change in wording from increase membership to raise profile in the community and our influence with City government. Much discussion led by Dawna and Karen followed with Gloria asking for more defined articulation and specific wording.

VIII. Carry Over Business:

A. Continue discussion of recognition of FOLL's 40th Anniversary in 2026 – ALL

Carry over this discussion at the next meeting due to time constraints.

IX. New Business

- a. President's appointment of Carol Dickey to fill the unexpired term (through December 31, 2025) of Volunteer & Hospitality Director. Board approval is requested.
– Teresa Linda D moved – Gloria 2nd - Motion Passed
- b. Board Approval to issue FOLL credit card to Karen Van Gundy while in her position as Library Coordinator subject to the controls listed in Gloria's written proposal – Gloria Extensive discussion as to what items are purchased by which cardholder and review of the controls that are in place for preapproval and reconciliation of credit card statements. Linda D made motion, Gloria 2nd Motion passed - with Karen Lindh abstaining.
- c. Board Approval to increase 2025 budget allocation for HOOPLA by \$800 and the Annual Membership Meeting by \$170 – Gloria Teresa Motion , Cassandra 2nd Motion Passed

d. Presentation of proposed 2026 FOLL Budget – Gloria Discussion with details provided and questions answered by Gloria and discussion. Please look over budget thoroughly and Gloria will finalize and present in December.

X. General Announcements, Closing Comments : Gloria described how joyful the Youth Literary Festival was and how impressed she was with the outcome. She sold 29 of the 30 copies of the book that was available for purchase.

XI: Adjournment : Adjourned at 12:05

Attendance:

Board Members: Teresa Lai Stanislaw , Dawna Hawksworth, Gloria Pilotti-Irey, Karen Lindh, Linda Derosier, Linda Morley, Cassandra Hawley-Davis, Neil Cochran, Lynne Rossi, and newly appointed board member Carol Dickey

Absent: Sharon Gorley

Library Staff: none

Members and visitors: Kris Knutson, Colleen Ewert

Next Board Meeting Date – December 9, 2025 – Willow Room

Submitted by Linda Morley, Secretary