

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 | Fir Room | 10:00-11:30 AM

I. Call to Order – Gloria Pilotti Irey

II. Welcome/Introductions – Gloria Pilotti Irey

III. Conduct Roll Call; Confirm Quorum – Linda Morley

IV. Library Report – Kathryn Hunt (invited) Karen Von Gundy reporting: Family Art Night: staff issued 48 new cards and gave out 385 Pizza tickets Tiny art voting was extended to 10/14 230 Tiny Art Pieces were submitted. The caricature artist appointments booked up quickly and staff may consider adding one additional artist next year. The Face painters worked together to streamline their process before the event and although they also booked up by 5:30 they worked quickly and were able to open more appointments as the evening progressed. The Mosaic wall was a big hit. There were approximately 1,000 attendees.

The library was unsuccessful in getting a grant for “Play for All” as it is targeted to underprivileged communities.

Library is requesting FOLL funding of \$14,000 for the Little Explorers program and children’s area furniture and interactive materials.

V. Consent Items –

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2026. Bill 1st, Karen 2nd. Motion Passed

VI. Officer/Director Reports:

A. President – Gloria Pilotti Irey : At the City Council meeting tonight there will be a vote on an agreement to allow the nonprofit Lincoln Clay Arts Center to lease the Carnegie Library Building.

Linda D pointed out that the Lincoln Hills Foundation lobby sign needs updating as reflects purchase of Hoopla which was discontinued.

B. Vice President – Bill Szabo Helped out on FAN. Still looking for 2 people to fill board positions.

C. Secretary – Linda Morley- No Report

D. Treasurer – Carol Dickey Expenses for Family Art Night (artists, musician, etc.) are not shown in the September report because they were paid in October.

We had two CDs that were up at the end of September, and these have now been renewed as of October 6 at a rate of 3.35% for 6 months. One was our savings account CD \$83,105.21 and the other was the City of Lincoln award. We did move money from that account into our money market as we have some large payments coming up soon. We need to pay for the recent facility improvements. That CD is now approximately \$115,000.

E. Book Sales Director – Sharon Gorley – Total \$1605 for September. Rebekah's August sales will be reflected next month. Working on big book sale.

F. Community Outreach Director – Linda Derosier Went to the new Lincoln Farmers Markets along with library staff. Kathryn issued and renewed library cards. TAB participated in Great Auburn Ravine cleanup to tidy up the library parking lot. Attended the Senior Resource Fair. Will give a library tour for SCLH Book Club. Has 10 cases of "Booker's Buddy" stuffed owls stored in her garage. Will not attend Villains in the Plaza this year.

G. Grants Director – Neil Cochran - Neil announced he will run for Grants Director again for 2027-28 term. Received a \$50 Costco grant for FAN. Sierra Pacific declined the \$5,000 request for FAN, but Neil will try again next year.

H. Membership – Cassandra Hawley-Davis – Currently 393 members 56 are renewals 63 are auto renewals.

I. Newsletter Director – Karen Lindh- November newsletter will feature the FOLL Annual Meeting along with Board Election, Book Sale, Dinovember, FAN and Tiny Art Contest. Also, a Senior Resource Fair photo supplied by Linda D., Youth Festival and Membership renewal. Currently 1673 newsletter subscribers.

J. Social Media Director – Lynne Rossi (Absent- Returns Nov. 4) No Report

K. Volunteer & Hospitality Director – Vacant Gloria reported – Organized 18 volunteers for FAN. From now on library staff will schedule the volunteers for events. FOLL will continue to run Family Movie Night concessions and staff food snack tables when we provide refreshments at library events.

VII. Committee Reports:

Annual Meeting Committee:

Members- Gloria (Chair), Sharon, Cassandra, Bill, Linda D, Jennifer Myers

- Meeting is Wednesday, Nov 4 @ 11am with the following details:
- Lunch catered by Saladworks
- Sheet cake with Anniversary Logo

- Silent Auction of Lisa See signed poster.
- Jennifer Myers will prepare video.
- Attendee Gifts, possibly “Booker’s buddy” stuffed owl.
- Large Anniversary banner – Gloria will ask Tonie to print.
- Speakers will be Kathryn Hunt, Carol, and Gloria
- Attendees can vote and renew memberships prior to the meeting.

The committee will meet again on Oct 14 for further planning. Notice of meeting and registration must be sent out by October 24 and attendees must register so we have a headcount for lunch.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

A. National Friends of Libraries Week (Oct. 18-24) – Gloria

- Social Media posts all week.
- Driveway sign at lobby entrance into library for more visibility
- Posters in lobby and lobby – will ask Tonie to print.

B. Board Members’ Annual Review of Procedures – Gloria

- Membership Director procedures have been updated.
- Other board members should complete their reviews & update file on Google drive.

IX. New Business:

A. Request for Board approval of Election Slate – Bill Current slate: Secretary Karen Lindh (Karen will also continue as Newsletter Director temporarily filling 2 roles), Treasurer Carol Dickey, Social Media Lynne Rossi, Grants Neil Cochran, Community Outreach Linda Derosier. Membership Director and Volunteer & Hospitality is still unfilled. The election is open from date of annual meeting notice (Oct 24 or sooner) thru Nov 4 @ 11am Approve Slate: Linda D. 1st Slate Bill 2nd Motion passed.

B. Library “Play for All” request for \$14k in funding for Little Explorer and new children’s area furniture. Discussion Karen 1st Linda D. 2nd Motion Passed

C. Presentation of Proposed 2027 FOLL Budget – Carol distributed the proposed budget for review. Q&A with explanations and corrections noted. Final budget will be submitted for approval at the December board meeting.

D. Proposal for Website Maintenance and Technical Support – Gloria Motion to allow Lynne to develop a service agreement with Murthy Pidaparathi. Estimated 10 hrs./mo. for the first 3 months, then 3-4 hrs per month. rate is \$100/hour. Includes testing on all platforms

and preparing database reports. The agreement will be presented to the board for approval before the president signs it. 1st Karen Cassandra 2nd Motion Passed.

E. Proposed Change in Funding Process Gloria- The Library has requested that FOLL move to a grant-type method for FOLL funds used for staff salaries (MGOL and Family Movie Night), materials and supplies, and library collections (Large Print, Audiobooks on CD, Zip Books, other books for the collection, magazine subscriptions, Libby and Kanopy). Under this method, the City and FOLL would enter into an agreement that includes a budget of how the funds would be used. FOLL would provide a FOLL check payable to the City of Lincoln at the beginning of each quarter and the library would report back on the expenditures each month.

At present, this grant-type method is used for staff salaries and Zip Books (FOLL's Prepaid City Account), except reporting is quarterly. For all other expenditures, the library presently provides invoices or uses the FOLL Amazon/FOLL credit, and the FOLL Treasurer pays the bills. The requested change will reduce the burden on both the library and FOLL Treasurer. Also, the FOLL funds provided under the grant-type agreement would be shown in the City's budget/financial reports giving a fuller picture to the City Council and the public on the cost of operating the library. I support this change but, of course, we need to work out the details. If the Board agrees that FOLL should move forward with exploring this change, the President and Treasurer will work with the Library on the details and bring the proposed agreement to the Board for review and vote on approval. There will be some negotiating to do on reporting timeframe and specific details to be worked out.

Discussion- Board in agreement that this new process sounds reasonable and will help streamline work for both entities.

X. General Announcements and Closing Comments No regular board meeting in November. May hold a special meeting in late November for board action on Website Maintenance Agreement (Start in December?) and FOLL Funding Agreement (Start in January?).

Neil commented on the new Clay Arts Center.

XI. Adjournment 11:15AM

Guest: Jim Brass, Vicki White, Ashley Harris

Submitted by Secretary: Linda Morley

Next Board Meeting Date – December 8, 2026 – Fir Room