

FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes for April 19, 2021

I—Call to Order: President Vicki Wickliffe called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM. Present were Anne Werner, Charlie Roy, Beckie Kane, Kathleen O’Hearn, Carol Burrows, and Gerard Saylor. Absent were Patty Hoggatt and Librarian Marilyn Sieb.

A. Minutes of March 15, 2021 Board Meeting: Beckie moved to approve the minutes, Kathleen seconded, motion passed.

B. Treasurer’s Report: As reported by Charlie

Checking account balance	\$6,440.93
Outstanding check	\$ 400.00
Library book sales	\$ 77.75
Lake Mills Market book sales	\$ 34.00
Card sales (Corner Mercantile)	\$ 10.00

C. Library Director’s Input: Library circulation numbers are down but are still higher than Jefferson which is a bigger library. Library partially re-opened on April 5th: children’s area and meeting room will be closed to the public, one public computer is available, and furniture has been moved from the public area. Library hours will not change at present with a tentative plan to open children’s area in August. There is Wi-Fi capability in parking lot/ front lawn and window service is still available. Staff have presented excellent virtual programs which will continue till further notice.

Craft bags are a success with children and teens. Becca and Rob Goetz (Parks Dept.) decided Wallace park would be the best place for the Story Walk. Becca will present the proposal at the next Parks Board meeting. After approval from the Parks Board the proposal will then be presented to the City Council. Becca submitted a grant for the Story Walk to the Lake Mills Area Community Foundation. A vendor has been chosen to construct permanent stakes etc. and a Boy Scout will make signage for an Eagle Scout project. The summer reading program will be virtual. The library newsletter currently has 8 individuals on the mailing list. There are two new pages and there is an opening on the Library Board.

D. Library Staff Input: Not available.

II—Old Business

A. Scholarship: There were four applicants, three from Lakeside High School and one from Lake Mills High School. Applications are being reviewed. Beckie and Kathleen are working on a proposal for a smaller scholarship for library pages.

B. 2021 Garden Tour: Three gardeners who were going to be in the 2020 tour said that they will participate in the 2021 garden tour. Vicki will call individuals who did not reply. Several names were mentioned at the meeting who might be interested, and Vicki & Anne will contact them. Anne will contact Wendy Berns regarding donating a quilt for Garden Tour raffle and Vicki will apply for a raffle license. Banners could be placed in the front and back of the library to promote the garden tour in advance. Carol suggested that the garden at the Rock Lake Activity Center could be included since it is next door to one of the gardens.

1. Date - It was decided to have the garden tour on the same day as the Lake Mills Arts Festival, July 17. This would be a great opportunity for FOL to increase awareness in the community as well as outside the community. Garden tour hours 9-2.
2. Number of Gardens – It was decided five gardens would give enough time for everyone to enjoy and be able to see all the gardens.
3. Brochure & Map – Eve & Beckie will make the brochure.
4. Publicity – FOL will utilize all avenues of social media.
5. Admission Fee or Donation – FOL will continue to accept donations

C. Criteria for Memorials: It was decided that FOL will not make a memorial contribution for a past member of the Friends of the Library. Different ideas were discussed regarding appreciation for past & present patrons. A “Celebrate the Library” day was discussed and will be placed on a future agenda.

III—New Business

- A. Request for Funding Virtual “Read, Rhyme, & Rhythm”: Becca requested \$210 (\$35 for each of 6 classes) for virtual Read, Rhyme, & Rhythm classes this summer with Beth Mueller. Charlie moved to approve the request, Anne seconded, motion passed.
- B. Reprinting Notecards: It was decided to reprint our notecards. The photo cards of the library are especially popular. Anne and Vicki will take an inventory to see what is needed.
- C. Milwaukee County Zoo Pass: It was decided not to purchase the reusable Zoo Pass for library patrons.
- D. Announcements and Miscellaneous:
- E. Next Board Meeting: May 17 at 1:45 p.m.

IV—Adjournment

Minutes prepared by Beckie Kane,
Secretary