

**FRIENDS OF THE L.D.FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 22, 2024 @ 9 am in Library Hall
{Meeting rescheduled due to weather}**

I–Call to Order

President Vicki Wickliffe called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Present were Beckie Kane, Karie Pollard, Kathleen O’Hearn, Carol Burrows, Barb Becker, and Patty Hoggatt. Absent were Beth Naughton, Matt Joyce, and Anne Werner. Murrene Payton was in attendance as a Friends of the Library member.

- A. Minute Taking for January Meeting: Kathleen agreed to take minutes for this meeting.
- B. Approval of Minutes for Board Meeting November 27, 2023: Vicki inquired about The Market gift card left from our Pie Sale. Kathleen reported that it had been given to the Head Start teacher to use at her discretion. Carol moved to approve the minutes, Beckie seconded, motion passed.

C. Treasurer’s Report: Per Karie

Checking account balance-\$6,142.64
Lake Mills Market book sales-\$16.00
Library book sales-\$28.50
Notecards-Library \$5
Memorial for Mary Price-\$50

D. Library Director’s Report

- 1. Hearing Loops-This was discussed at a Library Board meeting. Gerard is getting quotes. If they are too expensive they will be installed in the new building.
- 2. Circulation-Gerard has cut back on ordering Large Print books, Audio Books, and magazines because of lower circulation and budget. Hoopla has also been cut back.
- 3. Library Legislative Day is coming. It is a good time to approach legislators about how much money is given to libraries from the state budget.
- 4. Teen Theater is having a good turnout. The play will be coming up in March.
- 5. Tangled Yarns is meeting the last week in January.
- 6. Becca is doing a Cookies and Milk Storytime.
- 7. Gerard is working on how to use the memorials for Mary Price and Doug Fritsch.
- 8. Work on the Strategic Plan continues. Jodi Sweeney of the Sweeney Group, head of fundraising, has been interviewing people about raising money for the library expansion. The city may allocate \$2M or hopefully, \$3M for the project. The Capital Campaign will provide the rest of the \$11M. An Advisory Referendum may be

included on the August ballot. Information, including a slideshow, is on the library's website.

9. FEH made a presentation at a City Council meeting.

II- Old Business

- A. Head Start Holiday Book Tree and Party: The children had a good time and were excited about their new books. Vicki sent a Thank You by email to donors and those who helped and Anne sent one by Facebook. Beckie's photo and article were printed in the Leader.
- B. Memorial Contributions for Mary Price: Gerard is thinking of using the donations to provide a program related to Mary's interests.
- C. Teen Theater Program: The Board voted via email to sponsor the Teen Theater Program. The initial cost is \$383.50 for scripts and production materials. An additional amount up to \$200 will be required for costumes and props.
- D. Annual Report: Vicki shared a copy of the Annual Report. She will send it to the Friends membership soon.
- E. Garden Tour 2024: A Garden Tour Committee has been formed consisting of Barb Smith, Murrene Payton, the Nesemanns, Gail McFarlane, Lorene Schramm, and Vicki Wickliffe. They will meet this Saturday the 27th.
- F. Attendance at the Library Board Meetings: Someone is needed for March and April. Carol volunteered to attend in March. Anne will be asked to attend in April since she did not attend in January.
- G. Bridges Friends Coffee Hour (ideas for fundraising): It was felt that one of the best ways to fundraise is by having Round-up at The Market. Carol will look into that.

III-New Business

- A. Membership Renewal of Legendary Lake Mills: Carol moved to approve the renewal, Karie seconded, motion passed.
- B. FOL Scholarship: The applications have been sent to the Guidance Counselors of each High school. An article will be placed in the Leader soon. We will follow the same procedure as always, hoping to have applicants from LMHS this year (unlike last year).
- C. Update on FOL Individual Memberships: At the end of Dec.2023 we had 59 memberships. Barb would like to explore ways to get people to join. Karie suggested putting information in a packet to give to new library cardholders. It also was suggested that an informational letter be sent to new Library cardholders soon after they obtain library cards. Other suggestions were to send letters to Lake Mills teachers, the City Council, and new city residents. If you have any other ideas send them to Barb.

- D. Update on FOL Corporate/Organization Sponsors for 2024: Last year we raised \$2400 from 23 sponsors and this year we have received \$1900 from 18 sponsors. The categories are \$50, \$100, \$150, and \$200.
- E. Knickerbocker Trivia Team: Via email Anne made a motion to sponsor a trivia team, Carol seconded, motion passed. Beckie felt there was a need to rotate the place where the event is held and felt the City Hall was the best place. She will talk to Raina.
- F. FOL Financial Recordkeeping: Karie would like all the Friends' materials kept in one place at the library. Getting a post office box for Friends is tabled for now.

IV-Announcements and Miscellaneous

Beckie said "Love Your Library Month" is coming in February. She feels that FOL needs a better website and will be working with Autumn.

There was a short discussion about needing a laptop that would be just for Friends' use. Beckie will talk to Gerard about helping with this.

Carol would like people to know that an Exploratory Group has been formed to look into having a multi-generational community center. RLAC has decided to be part of this group.

Vicki noted that a photo of the Library was included on the Tour of Homes brochure even though the Friends did not participate.

V-Next Meeting Date: February 19, 2024 at 9am

VI-Adjournment

Kathleen O'Hearn (acting secretary)