

**FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 19, 2024 @9am in Library Hall**

I—Call to Order: President Vicki Wickliffe called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Present were Barb Becker, Carol Burrows, Patty Hoggatt, Beckie Kane, Kathleen O’Hearn, Karie Pollard, and Anne Werner. Absent were Matt Joyce, Beth Naughton, and Gerard Saylor.

- A. Anne will take the minutes.
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting January 22, 2024: Motion to approve minutes by Anne, seconded by Beckie, motion passed.
- C. Treasurer’s Report: Karie reported the following:

Checking account balance:	\$6,170.39
LM Market book sales:	35.50
Library book sales:	42.25
- D. Library Director’s Report: Gerard was not available

II—Old Business

- A. Garden Tour 2024: Vicki reported that the Arts Festival will not take place in 2024. She sent letters to 8 gardeners; 3 declined, and she will follow up with the other 5. Discussion was had whether or not to proceed with the garden tour because of the “retired” Arts Festival this year. Vicki will give a response deadline of March 15 to the other 5 gardeners, and we will decide about moving forward with the garden tour at our next meeting.
- B. FOL Corporate/Organization Sponsors for 2024: Anne reported a total of 18 sponsors for 2024 with sponsorships totaling \$1,900. Sunshine Brewing was our only new sponsor. Carol moved to place a paid ad in the Leader, thanking sponsors. Beckie seconded, motion passed. Anne will place the ad. It was mentioned that last year’s ad was hard to read with white letters and that darker ink should be used; and to make sure that the invoice is sent to the library.
- C. Knickerbocker Trivia Team: Anne reported that the FOL team won again. It is our 7<sup>th</sup> win.

III—New Business

- A. Laptop for FOL: Beckie reported that she has been researching different laptops. Gerard checked his sources, but it looks like we will have to purchase one through a retail outlet. We agreed that it should have Microsoft Office which will mean an annual license renewal cost of about \$130. Beckie will bring her recommendations to next month’s meeting. Motion made by Carol for cost of laptop (including Microsoft Office fee) not to exceed \$800, seconded by Karie, motion passed.
- B. Status as a 501(c) (3): Carol said that Club 55 had recently registered as a 501(c) (3), and that it was easy to do online. Discussion was had regarding the need for an accountant; whether or not an annual tax return would have to be filed with the IRS; what about interest we are earning on our CDs; that all other FOLs that we know of are registered non-profits. Vicki will send emails to other FOLs to get information that might answer some of these questions.

#### IV—Announcements and Miscellaneous

Beckie said that she and Autumn have been working hard on designing the FOL's website and have accomplished much. Autumn is doing a great job implementing Beckie's ideas and suggestions. She felt that Autumn deserves additional remuneration for the work she is doing. This can be addressed at the next meeting. Beckie said she may be able to present the website to us next month, even if it is not completed.

V—Next Meeting Date: March 18, 2024

VI—Adjournment

Minutes prepared by Anne Werner