

**FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
APRIL 21, 2025 @ 9AM IN LIBRARY HALL**

I-Call to Order: President Vicki Wickliffe called the meeting to order at 9am. Present were Patty Hoggatt, Kathleen O'Hearn, Karie Pollard, Anne Werner and Gerard Saylor. Absent were Barb Becker, Carol Burrows, Beckie Kane and Beth Naughton. Also present were Library Board member Robin Untz, and new FOL members Barb Cramer and Dave and Cheri Lemke.

A. Approval of March 17 board meeting minutes: Anne moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Patty. Motion passed.

B. Treasurer's report:

Library used book sales - \$105.30  
LM Market used book sales - \$10.50  
Daydream Believers notecard sales - \$17.00  
(10) renewals and new memberships - \$290.00  
Ending balance - \$4,085.69

C. Library Director's report:

- The library expansion referendum passed 55% to 45% and is now on the City's plan for capital improvements for funds to be borrowed in 2027 or 2028.
- The 100EW campaign is now an EW campaign since the 100 women mark has been surpassed. There are approximately 150 who have pledged so far. There will be a celebratory event for these women on May 7 at City Hall.
- The library will be closed May 21 for Staff Day. At 9am coffee and pastries will be provided and the FOL board is invited to partake.
- There is a presentation on the history of books and book binding tomorrow at 6pm.
- There will be a program on gypsy moths in the future.
- Jefferson County will be appointing a member to the library board in addition to the current 5 city and 2 township members. Gerard is looking for volunteers to present to the county.
- The front door will be refinished; no news on front window replacement.

## II. Old Business

A. National Library Week April 6-12: Beckie submitted a report which stated that there were 4 winners for cash prizes. She suggested fewer tabs/slips next time to facilitate more winners. We provided and set up a sheet cake on the 9<sup>th</sup> which was popular.

B. Garden Tour Update: Vicki reported that we have 4 gardens (on Fremont, College, N. Ferry and Wendy Burns in Shorewood Hills). Wendy thinks she can get 1 or 2 more in her neighborhood. The Garden Tour Committee is working on getting a license for a raffle.

C. Culver's Fundraiser on May 19: Vicki will be sending out an email to the membership seeking volunteers for this event. We decided on a name tag to wear on our aprons identifying ourselves as Friends. Barb Cramer volunteered to get the tags. We will place our feather flag again. Discussion was had about placing a donation jar on the counter and distributing membership forms. Robin asked if we provided a QR code for people to access and fill out our membership form online. Autumn and Gerard are working on one for the library.

D. FOL Scholarship: Kathleen reported that there were no applicants from Lakeside Lutheran and only two from LMHS. Her committee will decide on the recipient before May 1. Next year, in addition to the Leader, we will announce the scholarship on FB Community page.

### III. New Business

A. Request for \$1,500 for Youth Summer Reading Program: Karie made a motion to approve the \$1,500, seconded by Kathleen. Motion passed.

B. Membership Report: Since Barb was absent, the repost will be given next month. Vicki reported that we now have new membership levels of \$100 and \$200. Kathleen asked if there was a way we could get a breakdown of ages of our members.

C. Recruiting New Friends: Robin said she has a list of people who attended her library history presentation, which she will pass along to us. She also suggested obtaining new resident lists from the county, perhaps voter registrations or even real estate sales. Vicki said she sent out 14 letters to prospective members. Discussion was had regarding other ways of recruitment including those in Vicki's handout.

D. Revisions to Membership Applications: Tabled until next month.

### IV. Announcements and Miscellaneous

- Karie said that Brianna reported a total cost of \$738 for the Teen Theater event. We gave \$600 and the library provided the rest.

- Discussion was had on having some later meeting times in nice weather to bring in younger/working people to our meetings.

V. Next meeting date: May 19 at 9am

VI. Adjournment at 10am