

**FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 17, 2025 @ 9am in Library Hall**

I—Call to Order: President Vicki Wickliffe called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Present were Barb Becker, Kathleen O’Hearn, Karie Pollard, Beckie Kane, Anne Werner, Patty Hoggatt and Beth Naughton. Absent was Carol Burrows. Jane Riedl attended as a guest.

A. Approval of Minutes for January 20, 2025 Board Meeting: Members pointed out several corrections. Karie moved to approve amended minutes, Kathleen seconded, motion passed.

B. Treasurer’s Report:

Ending \$3948.52
Memberships (7) \$190.00
Notecards \$62.00
UBS Library \$97.85
UBS Market \$39.30

C. Library Director’s Report: Gerard was not present

II—Old Business

A. Garden Tour 2025 –

The committee has 3 gardens confirmed and is working on 1 or 2 more. The members are leaning toward having a raffle – thinking a cash raffle would bring in more money. They hope to get high school student helpers and work with the Arts Alliance as well. Vicki sent a message to the Arts Alliance and received 3 replies that 5 artists are interested in being involved. July 19th is our date. The committee wondered if the FOL will contribute to the raffle prize. We are open to it, but want more details. We also thought it would be good to wait to see if the advisory referendum passes April 1st.

B. Author Visit – Deborah Hufford, author of Blood to Rubies

We discussed whether to invite Deborah to make a presentation or do a book reading. There are very few copies of the book in the system, but the e-book is on Hoopla. Beth will inquire on how much Deborah charges and if Marilyn would do it as the book club book. (Beth spoke to Marilyn and she was reluctant due to the unavailability of copies of the book in our system.)

III—New Business

A. Maturing Certificate of Deposit – It is currently about \$9600 at 4.8% and we won’t know the interest until the day to renew. Karie will ask what the current rates are at BLM. We discussed taking the money out and putting it in the Lake Mills Area Community Foundation instead of putting it in our checking account. Karie will gather info and we will decide via e-mail.

B. National Library Week April 6-12, 2025 – The last two years we did cake. Last year Carol took leftovers to volunteers in the park. Minutes said to do cookies for next year.

We decided to order a sheet cake. We will start offering the cake on Wednesday, April 9, and have helium balloons to make it look festive. If there is cake left, we can continue to put it out on Thursday and Friday. We will have a fishbowl with a chance to win the number of dollars as the date: \$7 on April 7, \$8 on April 8, etc. We will run this by Gerard and the staff for permission. Beckie will do the drawing, Anne the cake, Barb the balloons, Karie the money, and Vicki will email the Friends. We need to publicize in the Leader, on FaceBook page (Beckie), and the web page. Jane offered to help.

- C. Request for Honorarium for April 22 Talk – Marilyn Sieb requested an honorarium of \$75 for Cary Suneja of Tea Cup Bindery for her presentation on The Art of Books. Cary will explain how books were made in the past. Marilyn said that other librarians in our system recommended her. Beth motioned to approve and Patty seconded. Motion approved.
- D. Culver’s Fundraiser – We made about \$400 on our last Culver’s night. It was a fun time. We agreed to do it again in May. Notes from last time were to wear tags or buttons that say we are with the FOL and have two shifts of 4 to 5 people per shift. Barb will have member applications. Ideas discussed: put membership applications on each tray or on the tables, advertise on Facebook, and put thank you notes on trays. First and second choices for dates are May 12th and May 19. Vicki will submit the request to Culvers.
- E. Ways to Increase FOL Membership – We discussed the need to attract younger members. FOL groups shared the following recruitment efforts at the Bridges 2024 coffee hour and we added the last two:
 - i. Personal invitation
 - ii. Include in library newsletter
 - iii. Sell bakery and have membership forms at election polls
 - iv. Website – library and Friends
 - v. Invitation to join at every library event
 - vi. Newspaper article
 - vii. Check with senior living centers - Barb and Beth will drop off applications
 - viii. Club 55 – ask people
 - ix. Book clubs
 - x. Bookmarks
 - xi. Have a table at the Farmers market
 - xii. Have a table at Brew with a View – Beth offered to do
 - xiii. Facebook invitation

IV—Announcements and Miscellaneous

- A. Corporate memberships totaled \$1525 (lower than last year’s \$1900). There was thank you in the Leader.
- B. Presentation tonight at 6 PM by Robin Untz on history of the library
- C. The program for the teen theater said that it was sponsored by FOL

V—Next Meeting Date: **April 21, 2025 @ 9 AM**

Convened into closed session, reconvened

VI—Adjournment @ 11:03 AM

Minutes prepared by Beth Naughton, Secretary

Minutes are subject to correction/approval at the April 2025 meeting.