

**FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 22, 2025 @ 6:00 pm in Library Hall**

I—Call to Order: President Vicki Wickliffe called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Present were Beckie Kane, Barb Becker, Kathleen O’Hearn, Patty Hoggatt, Gerard Saylor. Absent were Carol Burrows, Beth Naughton, Anne Werner and Karie Pollard.

Barb Cramer, Dave & Cheri Lemke and Valerie Krejcie were in attendance as visitors.

- A. Minutes for June 18, 2025, Board Meeting: Beckie moved to approve the minutes, Kathleen seconded, motion passed.
- B. Treasurer’s Report: Written report by Karie.

Checking account balance	\$2,303.43
Library book sales	\$ 51.34
Memberships	\$ 150.00

Vicki presented the quarterly report for the FOL’s account with the LMACF.

Quarter2: 4/1/25 thru 6/30/25	
Beginning balance	\$56,666.63
Income	\$ 288.71
Unrealized gain/loss	\$ 4,512.01
Contributions/Donations	0.00
Badger Bank Fees	\$ (86.31)
Investment Fees	\$ (95.18)
Withdrawals	0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 61,285.86

- C. Library Director’s Report: Summer reading program completed. Total registration, 601: 34-baby, 329-children, 120-teens, 118-adults. Children, teens, and adult categories increased. Library programs continue to be a success and are being held at Wallace Park to accommodate the number of attendees.

Gerard distributed copies of the library expansion floor plans and answered questions. Due to the costs, the plan is now for a one-story addition. The Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation met with Gerard to discuss library expansion. City Council will vote on the library expansion resolution (pledge up to \$2.5 million) at the August 5th meeting. All FOL members are encouraged to attend to show support. Jim Braughler is working with Wells Fargo Bank on a grant for the library.

The Library Board aims to increase its membership with persons living in Jefferson County beyond the city of Lake Mills and town of Lake Mills. Individuals interested are to contact Gerard. Vicki will send an email to the FOL membership.

II—Old Business

- A. Garden Tour: Comments were made regarding the garden tour and suggestions were offered for future tours. Garden Tour Committee to meet Aug. 5th to finalize results. At that time evaluations and all garden tour business will be discussed. Committee results will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Vicki read two positive reviews.

Preliminary report.

Tour tickets	\$ 230.00
Raffle tickets	\$ 862.00
Donations	\$ 5.00
Leader Printing	(\$30.00)

- B. Raffle: Tickets will be sold at the library thru July 31st.
- C. Children’s Activity at the Farmers Market: Scott Pollard volunteered to organize children’s activity and will need volunteers to assist. Vicki will send an email to all FOL members.
- D. Author Visit—Deborah Hufford, author of *Blood to Rubies*: Beckie will make flyers, distribute flyers to libraries in the Bridges System, and submit article to Leader and FB.
- E. Revisions to Membership Application: Revision is completed and Beckie will email to Vicki.

III—New Business

- A. Election of Officers: Karie Pollard is stepping down as treasurer. Barb Cramer offered to be treasurer and will be trained by Karie.

IV—Announcements and Miscellaneous

V—Next Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, August 21, 6pm

VI—Adjournment

Minutes prepared by Beckie Kane