

FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 21, 2025 @ 6pm in Library Hall

I—Call to Order: President Vicki Wickliffe called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Present were Barb Becker, Kathleen O’Hearn, Anne Werner, Gerard Saylor and Beth Naughton. Absent were Patti Hoggatt, Beckie Kane, Karie Pollard, and Carol Burrows. Barb Cramer, Andrea Turke, Carolyn Heidemann, Shaun Bollig, Cheri and Dave Lemke attended as guests.

A. Approval of Minutes for July 22, 2025. Members pointed out several corrections. Kathleen moved to approve the amended minutes, Anne seconded, and motion passed.

B. Treasurer’s Report:

Memberships \$300.00

UBS Library \$87.95

UBS Market \$61.10

Ending Balance \$5061.49

Four CDs need to be renewed by August 22, 2025 – board chose to renew them for 9 months at 4.26%.

C. Library Director’s Report:

a. Summer reading statistics –

5455 hours read by kids, teens, and adults

778 people participated

63 programs were presented – monthly scavenger hunts were popular

1554 prizes were awarded

\$570 from Friends of the Library was donated to the Jefferson County Literary Council for the adult incentive.

b. Building Project update - the City Council approved up to \$2.5 million in matching funds but won’t exceed 50% of the project cost. Approximately \$650,000 has been raised. The committee for capital campaign meets next week. We are still asking for \$500,000 from the Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation and \$100,000 from the LMACF (Lake Mills Area Community Foundation). We received a \$5000 check from a private donor as a result of a Required Minimum Distribution.

c. Shaun commented that he considers the FOL to be the “backbone of the library”.

II—Old Business

A. Garden Tour 2025 –

Raffle (net) \$2573.54

Tour (net) \$ 892.76

Donations \$ 135.00

Income (net) \$3601.30

The 2025 Tour raised more than three times our previous highest year.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Sales</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Profit</u>
2019	\$650	-0-	\$ 650	\$ 349
2021	\$822	\$392	\$1214	\$ 691

2022	\$852	\$775	\$1627	\$ 965
2023	\$780	\$476	\$1286	\$1115

We will explore having the ability to sell tickets with a QR code via cell phone for the next tour. The garden tour committee discussed the pros and cons at their wrap up meeting if we should have the tour annually or every other year. A suggestion was made to call the event the Garden and Art Tour and include bios of the artists in the brochure.

- B. Raffle wrap up – we sold all 1500 tickets and made \$2573.54 in profit.
- C. Author Visit – Deborah Hufford, author of Blood to Rubies. The event is being publicized. We are expecting attendance of 10 to 25 people. Cheri had previously said she will provide some snacks. Beth will also bring snacks.
- D. Election of Officers – We need a candidate for VP of Fundraising. This person could organize the two Culver’s fundraisers per year, pick up funds from used book sales at the market, and replenish note cards at the places that sell them.

III—New Business

- A. 2026 Raffle – Bud Skupniewitz offered to donate a sculpture next year whether or not we have a Garden Tour. The board accepted this generous offer.
- B. Journaling for Joy – Marilyn requested \$175.00 for this program. Each participant will receive a blank notebook. Beth motioned to approve, Barb seconded. Motion passed.
- C. Fall Culver’s Night – We want to do another. October 7th is the anniversary of the opening of the library. October 7th is a Tuesday night and will be our first choice. Monday, October 6th is our 2nd choice. Vicki will check with Culver’s if either date is available.

Notes from last time were to wear tags that say we are with the FOL. Have two shifts of 4 to 5 people per shift. Barb will have member applications. Ideas discussed: should we put a FOL membership application on each tray or on the tables, advertise on Facebook that it is FOL Culver’s Night, and have thank you notes to put on the trays.

IV—Announcements and Miscellaneous

- A. Kathleen will attend the September Library Board meeting.

V—Next Meeting Date: Monday, **September 15, 2025 @ 9 AM**

VI—Adjournment @ 6:48 PM

Minutes prepared by Beth Naughton, Secretary

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