

**FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 23, 2024 @ 9am in Library Hall**

I—Call to Order: President Vicki Wickliffe called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Present were Barb Becker, Kathleen O’Hearn, Gerard Saylor, Karie Pollard, Beckie Kane, Anne Werner and Beth Naughton. Absent were Carol Burrows, and Patty Hoggatt.

- A. Minutes of Board Meeting August 19, 2024: Barb moved to approve the minutes, Kathleen seconded, and motion passed.

- B. Treasurer’s Report:
 - Checking account balance 9/23/24 – \$1417.99
 - Lake Mills Market book sales - \$14.85
 - Library book sales – \$46.25
 - Memberships - \$385.00
 - Notecard sales from Corner Mercantile - \$20.00
 - Memorials in honor of Charlie Roy - \$75.00

- C. Library Director’s Report:
 - a. Jim, Becca and Gerard met with the Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation a few weeks ago to request \$500,000 for the library expansion. They presented and explained how the improved building will enhance early literacy and family closeness.
 - b. Gerard also met with Aaron Genthe of the Lake Mills Area Community Foundation regarding the expansion and they appear to be supportive. No formal request has been made yet.
 - c. Jodi Sweeney had Campaign Planning Committee formation meetings September 17th and 18th. They will lay out the strategies, develop the Capital Campaign Committee, finalize the needs statement and develop consistent answers to frequently asked questions.
 - d. Summer Reading went well. Our most recent storytime attendance was back to pre-pandemic levels with approx. 30 children attending. This is evidence of the need for the library expansion, as the room is not really big enough for that many people.
 - e. The library plans to celebrate the anniversary of opening day of the library on October 7th with coffee and cake.
 - f. There is a Library Board Meeting today, September 23, 2024 at 4:45 PM.

II—Old Business

- A. Welcome Packet for New Library Card Holders – tabled for next month

- B. Election of Officers – No new nominees were received. We will be re-electing the same officers. We will send the ballot out via e-mail 9/29 or 9/30 and give until 10/15 for responses to be received. The new term will begin November 1, 2024. Barb will mail ballots to the 6 Friends without an e-mail address.

- C. Author visit at the Middle School - The Lake Mills School PTO donated \$300.00. They need the balance of \$460.00 from us. This was previously approved by the FOL board.

III—New Business

- A. Request for Legendary Dollars for Pumpkin Decorating Contest – Brianna requested \$80.00 in prize donations for this contest. There will be four categories – preschool through 1st grade, 2nd through 5th grade, 6th through 12th grade, and adults. Anne motioned for approval, Barb seconded, motion passed. Karie will purchase \$20 Legendary Dollars for each level.
- B. Bridges Library System Morning Coffee October 24 – This will be from 9 AM – noon in Oconomowoc. This year’s focus will be on engaging and growing your Friends group. We can bring three people. Members will let Vicki know if they would like to attend.
- C. National Friends of the Libraries Week October 20-26, 2024 –
 - a. Discussed how to celebrate this week. It was decided to have a 500 piece puzzle of L.D. Fargo Library produced. Patrons can fill out the entry form when they check out books during that week, and we will draw the winner at the end of the week. Barb will check into the cost of printing the puzzle at Walgreens.
 - b. Becca suggested to Beckie that we purchase 30 blank canvas book bags as gifts to the storytime participants to celebrate FOL week with the children. Becca will arrange for the children to decorate the bags. This was approved via e-mail.
 - c. Beckie agreed to write up a story about the contribution of the Friends of the Library for the newspaper and Facebook accounts.
- D. Witches’ Night Out October 30—It was agreed to participate again in this event. According to Legendary Lake Mills, some 1,000 kids are expected. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to spend up to \$200 on the candy. Anne volunteered to purchase the candy locally and will contact Gerard for assistance from high school students.
- E. Annual Drive for Corporate Sponsors—Anne suggested that we reduce the cost of the mailing by contacting only organizations that have donated in the past plus new businesses and organizations.
- F. High School Musical Arts Patron—We agreed to donate \$100. The donation will be listed in the program and entitles us to two tickets for one of the performances. It was decided to give the tickets away through a drawing during National Friends of the Libraries Week.
- G. Report for August Library Board Meeting—Vicki reported several Library Board members and two Friends will be on the Campaign Planning Committee.

IV—Announcements and Miscellaneous:

- A. Remembering Charlie Roy—We shared memories of Charlie. Charlie’s family generously donated Charlie’s library of books to the friends. Anne received the books and placed them on the book shelves at Lake Mills Market.
- B. Thank You Cards—Vicki said that we received thank yous from Jefferson County Literacy Council and from Becca and Brianna for our donation to the summer reading program.
- C. Children’s Holiday Book Tree—Kathleen will contact the Head Start lead teacher to see if she wants to have the book tree again this year. There was discussion about allowing more people to participate in book giving and this will be discussed at the next meeting.
- D. Culver’s Fundraiser—Beckie showed the feather flag purchased from Amazon that we will use. We discussed having a tip jar and membership brochures.

V—Next Meeting Date: **October 21, 2024 @ 9 AM**

VI—Adjournment

Minutes prepared by Beth Naughton, Secretary