

**FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MAY 19, 2025 @ 9AM IN LIBRARY HALL**

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

A. Approval of April 21 board meeting minutes: Beckie moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Kathleen. Motion passed.

B. Treasurer's report:

Library used book sales - \$55.00  
LM Market used book sales - \$17.20  
Seljan corporate sponsorship - \$250.00  
Ending balance - \$4,318.26

## II. Old Business

A. Garden Tour: Vicki reported that we have 5 gardens, 3 in town and 2 in Shorewood Hills. The committee obtained the raffle license. Bud's sculpture is 5' tall and is currently located in his front yard on South Main Street. Raffle tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Other activities at the gardens include some artists at work, and Wendy Butler Berns will be displaying some of her quilts in her yard and selling notecards. (Vicki mentioned that Wendy has already recruited some gardens for next year.)

We will be selling tickets for \$10 each for the tour this year, but will still be putting boots out at each garden for donations. The garden tour brochure will double as the ticket and will be hole-punched at each garden. Proceeds are earmarked for the library expansion.

Tickets will be available at the library, the Firefly Night Market and Farmers Markets. We will participate in the Town & Country Days parade using Barb Smith's truck. Tickets will be sold after the parade also.

B. Culver's fundraiser: Barb Cramer made name tags for volunteers. The fundraiser has been advertised on Facebook Community Network, in the Legendary calendar and in the Leader. Vicki emailed the FOL membership and the city garden volunteers.

C. FOL Scholarship: Kathleen reported that the \$1,500 scholarship was awarded to Bennette Walter from Lake Mills high school. Sandy Whisler presented it to her at the ceremony. Bennette plans on attending UW-Stout. Vicki read Bennette's essay to the board.

## III. New Business

A. Request for funds for Summer Read, Rhyme & Rhythm: Becca requested \$450 for 6 classes at \$75 each. Anne made a motion to approve, seconded by Barb B. Motion passed.

B. Request for Funds for Adult Summer Reading Challenge: Marilyn requested that we fund this again @ \$10 for each adult completing the challenge with proceeds going to the Jefferson County Literacy Council. Last year, we gave \$550. Kathleen made a motion to approve, seconded by Beckie. Motion passed.

C. Children's Activity at the Farmers Market: Vicki reported that there were available dates in July, August and September. Barb B. said that based on the lack of helpers at this activity last summer, she would decline. Valerie suggested an email be sent to the membership to recruit volunteers. Karie said she would ask her husband if he was interested :)

D. Downtown Planter Program: Vicki said that donors to the program are recognized on the Facebook Legendary Planter Program Shoutout, and that it is good exposure for the Friends. Last year we gave \$150. This year it was agreed to give \$100 since our goal now is to raise funds for the library expansion. Motion to give \$100 to the program made by Beckie, seconded by Barb B.

E. Membership Report: Barb reported that over the last 12 months, we have received one \$200 membership, 12 @ \$100, 12 @ \$50, 19 @ \$25, 3 @ \$20, 8 @ \$15 and 17 @ \$10. We should be receiving a monthly report from the LMACF showing contributions to the Friends account. We need to let people know that if their membership is made payable to the LMACF, it is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law due to LMACF's 501(c)(3) status.

F. Recruiting New Friends: Vicki suggested we try a later meeting time in June, July and August to try and attract younger/working people to our board meetings. She and Karie will check the schedule for Library Hall and get back to us.

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

#### IV. Announcements and Miscellaneous:

- Beckie mentioned creating a template for a News BLAST that can be sent out via text message reminding people of upcoming FOL events. It could include a QR code.
- Cheri mentioned recruiting volunteers to read aloud to sight-impaired residents at Trinity Pines.
- Dave asked if there is book delivery to the homebound. Karie said there are still a few volunteers that do it.
- Anne mentioned that the \$250 corporate donation from Seljan was too late to include a thank you in the Leader, but they were added to our corporate acknowledgement at the library and a thank you letter was sent.

V. Next meeting date: Pending

VI. Adjournment at 10:25am

Minutes prepared by Anne Werner