

**FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2025 @ 9AM IN LIBRARY HALL**

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

A. Approval of September 12 board meeting minutes: Beckie moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Kathleen. Motion passed.

B. Treasurer's report:

Library used book sales - \$77.40
LM Market used book sales - \$22.15
Daydream Believers notecard sales - \$14.00
Library notecard sales - \$2.00
Memberships - \$272.00
Ending balance - \$6,047.65

Karie also reported our fundraiser at Culver's on October 7 earned \$483.93 of which \$94.46 was in tips.

C. Library Director's report:

Gerard reported that the Library Board approved the architects' schematic design. There is a design development meeting on Wednesday.

Capital Campaign – Materials will be going out to prospective donors. The committee would like to tie down larger donations, then reach out to others with announcements that show the success of the campaign thus far. Prospective large donors include the Watertown and Lake Mills Community Foundations. Gerard said that Bank of Lake Mills will give \$50,000, and that Pam Streich has secured a \$300,000 donation. The committee is also looking at in-kind contributions (i.e. roofing). Construction might begin mid-2026.

Kathleen asked if the City will match funds already spent. Dave asked if Gerard had reached out to the townships for donations. Gerard said he will approach the township now that the township's board member turnover is completed. He also reported that the Committee was applying for a \$1,000,000 grant from the State.

Brianna is working on the teen play; Becca is working on kids' activities.

II. Old Business

A. Culver's Fundraiser: see Treasurer's Report. It was mentioned the feather flag was difficult to place in the ground. Bring water or hammer next time. Beckie said she had sent the fundraiser announcement to all 3 schools, but only the elementary school responded. Vicki said the fundraiser appeared in the Legendary newsletter

B. Welcome Kits/Books for New Babies: Beth said she and Barb have done some investigative work for this project. Carol and Becca have offered some ideas.

C. Election of Officers: Vicki reported that she has received 22 responses/votes and all so far have been “yes.” New officers will be Executive Vice President: Beth Naughton; Treasurer: Barb Cramer; Secretary: Anne Werner. Beckie Kane was re-elected V.P. of Media & Public Relations.

D. National Friends of Libraries Week: Beckie reported that the drawing for the two tickets for the high school musical has been advertised in the Leader, on Facebook, the FOL and library websites and via flyers. The jar for the drawing is on the counter through this Saturday when Karie will draw the winning tickets and notify the winner that the tickets are at will call under the FOL name.

III. New Business

A. Children's Holiday Book Party: Kathleen said FOL will be partnering again this year with Head Start for a party to be held at RLAC on Wednesday, December 17 at 10AM. Discussion was had regarding advertising for this event including library patrons, FOL membership, Facebook, FOL and library websites and Legendary. Beckie will print tags, and the tree with the tags will be up the week of November 17. It was suggested that the words “Thank You” appear on the tags. Once the children's tags are all taken, we will again place tags for books that can be purchased for use in the Head Start classroom. Wrapped books must be returned to the library by December 11. Becca will read stories, and Carol has agreed to do the milk and cookies again. Beckie will make a flyer to be placed by the tree directing people who take tags to the circulation desk to sign the donor list. Friends of the Library board members and donors are welcome to come to the party.

B. Fundraising Ideas: It was agreed to raise the price of the “by the bag” books at the library from \$1 to \$2. Motion to approve by Beth, seconded by Patty. Motion passed. We will re-visit some ideas presented today including tote bags, t-shirts, raising prices of the used books at the Market and the library, Murder Mystery in the library, indoor golf, a gala and a silent auction. Beth stated she had a friend in Madison that does merchandising and will contact him.

C. Quilt Donation: Dave said that Cherie won a Wendy Butler Berns quilt in a raffle valued at \$1,600 depicting the mosaic floor of the Tower Garden at Ohlbrich Gardens and would like to donate it to the FOL for auctioning. The Board accepted. Thank you, Cherie!!!

IV. Announcements and Miscellaneous

- Vicki reported that the Friends of the Library received the 2025 Legendary Award for non-profits.
- She will be attending the Bridges FOL Coffee and Chat at the Delafield library.
- She reported that she has submitted a letter to the Library Expansion Committee to be included in the grant application package to the State.
- She reminded Anne to thank Shaun, Wendy and Ethan for their volunteering efforts at our Oct. 7 Culver's fundraiser and to mention our Head Start Holiday Party at today's Library Board meeting.

- Beth mentioned that the author visit that didn't happen could be rescheduled in the spring when the author's book about the Peshtigo fire comes out.

- Beckie mentioned that FOL will be supplying ornaments for kids to decorate and then be displayed in the library during the holidays.

V. Next meeting date: November 17 at 9AM

VI. Adjournment

Minutes prepared by Anne Werner

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