

**FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 17, 2025 @ 9AM IN LIBRARY HALL**

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

A. Approval of October 20 board meeting minutes: A motion was made to approve, seconded, passed. A motion was made to correct the September meeting date to the 15<sup>th</sup>, seconded, passed.

B. Treasurer's report:

Barb C. reported receiving three Corporate Sponsor checks for 2026:

Bank of Lake Mills - \$150.00

Agency Insurance - 150.00

Jensen Plumbing - 200.00

Library used book sales - \$60.00

Library note card sales - \$14.00

Corner Mercantile note card sales - \$6.00

Ending balance - \$7,187.65

She received three membership renewals. She stated that a CD in the amount of \$8,944.83 is due on December 21. The board decided to roll it over at the highest interest rate offered. The FOL debit card will be kept at the library. Barb will get a new card from Bank of Lake Mills.

C. Library Director's report: Gerard was absent.

## II. Old Business

A. Children's Holiday Book Party: Kathleen reported that she got the list of Head Start children from Kellie. There are 18. The party will be in the Senior Connections Room at RLAC on Wednesday, December 17, at 10AM. There will once again be "extra" tags for classroom books. Kellie specified four books that she would like for the classroom; Anne, Beckie, Barb B. and Kathleen stated they would purchase these. Beckie reported that the tree and tags will go up on the display case today. She has prepared a flyer and will do necessary advertising.

B. Library On-line Store: Beth has been in touch with Madison Top for fundraising. She said they help with selection and pricing and make the product when an order is received and takes three weeks to ship. They will set up the web page, and everything is done for non-profits free of charge if we have 6 items or less (and variations of those items). Suggested items were tote bags and aluminum water bottles. Anne suggested that instead of using our logo on these items, we use a book logo. (There is one on our feather flag.) Anne asked where the money was deposited. Beth will get some more info. The company's website is "madisontop.com."

C. Welcome Kits/Books for New Babies: This project is on hold for now.

D. Library Holiday Decorating: Beckie purchased cedar ornaments to be decorated as an all-ages craft project with Becca and then hung somewhere (railing or tree?) in the library. Beckie will again ask Gerard to recruit high school students to decorate the library and also to take down decorations in January. It was mentioned to contact Ethan Floerke, Library Media Specialist, at the middle school for possible volunteers from there.

#### E. Reports

1. Election of officers: Vicki reported that she received 24 total votes and all were yes.
2. Drawing for National Friends of Libraries Week: Vicki reported that there were approx. 15-20 entries, and the tickets for the high school musical were won by "Katherine G." The Friends were listed on the back page of the play program in the \$100-149 category.
3. Bridges Library System Morning Coffee: Vicki attended this event and relayed some suggestions such as putting out a tip jar at our events. Barb B mentioned putting one out for the Teen Theater performance. Another idea was to update the membership regularly by mentioning that our meeting minutes are posted on our website along with the agenda. Vicki also learned that grants of \$500 and \$1,000 are available for FOL groups in cities with less than 25,000 residents. Gerard is reviewing the criteria to determine if our FOL group is eligible to apply. She mentioned a website called "givebutter.com" for collecting donations and memberships. Anne said she'd look into it. Other ideas are earlier meeting times to accommodate people that work and an annual brunch for volunteers.
4. Witches Night Out: Anne reported that she had purchased 1,002 pieces of candy. The two high school volunteers said they ran out of candy at 5:55pm.
5. Legendary Lake Mills Annual Dinner: Vicki attended and received the Shining Star Non-Profit Award for the FOL.

#### III. New Business

A. Request for funding Teen Theater: Brianna requested \$450 to get started and another \$200 for supplies as needed. The FOL logo will appear on flyers and programs. The play, "You're Driving Me Crazy," will be on Tuesday, February 24, at 6pm. A motion was made by Anne to provide \$600, seconded by Beckie. Motion passed.

B. Review of Bylaws of the Friends: We will review at our January meeting.

C. FOL Audit: Vicki stated that the FOL bylaws call for annual audits. We will discuss this in January.

#### IV. Announcements and Miscellaneous

- Beth said she mailed out about 100 Corporate Sponsorship solicitation letters.
- Vicki read a card from Raina at Legendary congratulating us on receiving the Non-Profit award.

V. Next meeting date: Monday, January 19, 2026, at 9am

#### VI. Adjournment

Minutes prepared by Anne Werner

Footnote: Gerard informed us after the meeting that Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation passed a preliminary vote to support the expansion project with an award of \$250,000 and LMACF will award \$100,000!