

**FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 23, 2026 @ 9AM IN LIBRARY HALL**

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

A. Approval of February 16, 2026 board meeting minutes: Kathleen moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Barb B. Motion passed.

B. Treasurer's report: Barb C. reported for the period 2/16/26 to 3/23/26.

Deposits: Library used book sales	\$ 49.50	
LM Market used book sales	36.25	
Notecard sales (library)	23.50	
Notecard sales (Corner Merc.)	6.00	
FOL memberships	215.00	
		Total \$330.25
Expenditures: Tonies and Wonderbooks	\$577.68	
Legendary award dinner	35.00	
		Total \$612.68

Ending checking account balance: \$8,212.82.

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

II. Old Business

A. Library Online Store: Barb C. showed the board a drawing/print of the library that is already on file at Aztalan Printing. Discussion was had regarding using this and having Aztalan Printing make tote bags which we will sell at the library. We will use the Madison company to sell two sizes of aluminum water bottles and children's, women's and men's teeshirts online. Barb B. made a motion to move forward with this plan, seconded by Anne. Motion passed.

B. Embroidered Book Bag: We will not go forward with this.

C. FOL Audit: Vicki read reponses from Bridges library members regarding their audit procedures. We decided we will do an internal audit. Barb C. said she will ask her husband, Steve, who is an accountant, if he will perform an audit for us. A board member would be present for it.

D. Review of FOL Bylaws: Discussion was had regarding removing or re-naming the position of Vice President of Fundraising. We will discuss further next month.

E. Websites for Collecting Memberships and Donations: Vicki heard from some other libraries regarding their procedures. They reported using Paypal, credit cards, Venmo and QR codes. Most charge a fee. "Zeffy" is a no-fee app for non-profits. Barb B. said she will look into this.

F. Arbor Day Activity: Becca will plan an activity for a different day.

III. New Business

A. National Library Week April 19-25, 2026: We will once again provide a sheet cake. Anne will order from LM Market and do the set-up on April 19. We will have a daily drawing (Monday through Friday) using the red tote bags as prizes.

B. Downtown Planter Program: Barb C. made a motion to donate \$250 for this year's planter program. Seconded by Barb B. Motion passed.

C. Culver's Fundraiser Night: Vicki has the application for our spring Culver's fundraiser. We will apply for two different dates: May 12 and May 19. She will send an email asking for volunteers when a date is set. She also mentioned hearing from a recent college graduate who is moving to Lake Mills and is interested in volunteer opportunities with the library.

D. Raffle of Lawn Sculpture: Barb Smith reported that Bud S. has completed the sculpture he is donating to the Friends for a raffle this year (no garden tour). It will be placed in front of the library with an informational sign like last year. Barb will also apply to renew our raffle license with the State. We decided on \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20. 1,500 tickets will be printed. Plans for advertising will be made when we have a picture of the sculpture in place and given a value for it by Bud. We will sell tickets at the library, some Farmers Markets, and at the Firefly Night Markets. We will not sell at Town & Country Days. The drawing date is to be decided.

IV. Announcements and Miscellaneous

V. Next meeting date: April 20 at 9am

VI. Adjournment at 10:35am

Minutes prepared by Anne Werner

Minutes are subject to correction/approval at the April 2026 meeting.