

**FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 20, 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, Patty Hoggatt, Beth Naughton, Kathleen O'Hearn, Anne Werner. Gerard was also in attendance as were Valerie Krejcie and Dave Lemke. Beckie Kane was absent.

A. Approval of March 23, 2026 board meeting minutes: Beth moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Kathleen. Motion passed.

B. Treasurer's report: Barb C. reported for the period 3/24/26 to 4/19/26.

Deposits:	Notecard sales (library)	\$ 5.00	
	FOL memberships	150.00	
			Total \$155.00
Expenditures:	Spring Storywalk	\$ 47.95	
	Legendary planter program	250.00	
	WI raffle license	50.00	
			Total \$347.95
Ending checking account balance: \$8,019.87			

C. Library Director's report: Gerard said that on May 13, he will give a presentation as part of a Jefferson County "Thrive" event to bring in more possible donors. Pavers for the back of the library are available at \$250 and \$500. The expansion will begin with the geothermal work in August. Storage spaces will include pods and trailers. When services are moved to City Hall, books will be on rented rolling bookshelves/carts. Services will be less. Storytime will be held elsewhere (Club 55, RLAC, and American Legion hall were mentioned as possible sites). There will be a "thermometer" tracking the fundraising that will eventually be installed in the front of the library. Vicki asked when the FOL should make its donation. Gerard said closer to the end of the year. He reported that Summer Reading Program preparations are in the works.

II. Old Business

A. Library Online Store: Beth reported that when Madison Top receives payment for any products purchased, they will send us the money monthly or quarterly. We decided on 2 styles/sizes of powder-coated water bottles (small in red, green and light purple; large in teal, red and coral). Other items available for sale will be 3 t-shirts and a baby onesie. Beth will show one of the "sepia" notecards to the company to perhaps use as a logo. Barb C. brought fabric sample that shows the drawing/print of the library that is already on file at Aztalan Printing and also a photo of the library.

B. Screen Print Samples from Aztalan Printing: See IIA.

C. Scholarship: Kathleen reported that the committee received 4 applications. The committee will meet and choose next week.

D. FOL Audit: Barb C.'s husband (an accountant) will audit the years 2023 through 2025. We are looking for an additional person to be present to help/observe. Vicki will send out an email to the membership.

E. VP of Fundraising: Discussion was had regarding changing the title of this position to something like “coordinator of sales and special projects.” Vicki will reach out to new FOL member Holly B. to ask if she would be interested.

F: Online Payments for Memberships and Donations: Discussion was had of various payment options including Bill Pay. Beth suggested to put a payment option on our brochure which says, “Check with your bank for electronic payment options.” Many FOL members are seniors who still prefer paying by check. Barb B. suggested sending out membership reminders via email and adding our brochure as an attachment. She currently sends a thank you letter via email.

G. Arbor Day Activity: No report.

H. National Library Week April 19-25, 2026: This morning a cake was set up in the Reading Room, and a jar for the drawing was placed on the circulation desk. Barb B. volunteered to call the tote bag drawing winners.

I. Culver's Fundraiser Night: Vicki reported that the dates in May which we decided on at our last meeting were already taken, so we chose Tuesday, September 15, for our next fundraiser. (Carol reported that she has re-submitted our roundup request at Lake Mills Market since we were not chosen last year.)

J. Raffle of Lawn Sculpture: Vicki reported that Barb S. has secured the raffle license. The drawing for the sculpture will be held on Saturday, August 22, at 12 noon at the library. Bud will email a picture of the sculpture to us.

III. New Business

A. Membership Year: There will be no change of memberships to a Jan-Dec calendar year.

B. Library Improvement Campaign: Vicki proposed an FOL contribution to the capital campaign of \$50,000. Beth made a motion to donate \$50,000 for the library expansion. Seconded by Barb C. We have received \$270 in memorials for Charlie Roy. Barb B. suggested purchasing a paver in honor of Charlie's years of service to the FOL. Vicki suggested that we could contribute additional monies and purchase a \$500 paver in his memory.

IV. Announcements and Miscellaneous: Barb said 4 cd's will mature May 21. Vicki mentioned she received a card from Legendary thanking us for our donation toward downtown planters.

V. Next meeting date: May 16 at 9am

VI. Adjournment at 10:50 am

Minutes prepared by Anne Werner

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