

FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 17, 2023 @ 9am in Library Hall

I—Call to Order: President Vicki Wickliffe called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Present were Anne Werner, Beckie Kane, Charlie Roy, Carol Burrows, Barb Becker, Kathleen O’Hearn, and Gerard Saylor. Absent was Patty Hoggatt. Murrene Payton was in attendance as a visitor.

- A. Minutes of Board Meeting March 20, 2023: Correction to be made under Corporate Member update. Delete Farmers & Merchant Bank and replace with Riverbend RV Resort. Beckie moved to approve the minutes noting the correction to be made, Kathleen seconded, minutes approved.

- B. Treasurer’s Report: Per Charlie

Checking account balance	\$4,739.50
Lake Mills Market book sales (Feb /March)	\$ 41.80
Library book sales	\$ 69.00
Hometown Pharmacy notecard sales	\$ 5.00
Wallflower notecard sales	\$ 30 .00

- C. Library Director’s Report: The library will be closed May 24th and June 6th for RFID tagging and software updates. Summer Reading Program for all ages will start again in June. Library staff attended SWOT in-service: Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Threats. Library board will complete SWOT analysis. Strategic planning for library expansion is still ongoing. Library patrons may now check out a pass to the Milwaukee Zoo. A Boy Scout will be installing a bench in the front of the library as an Eagle Scout project.

- D. Library Staff Input: Beckie related the following information. Becca would like to order Wonder books for the children’s area. Wonder book is a print book with a ready-to-play audio book inside. Kids will press “play” to read along with their book. Each Wonder book is approximately \$60. Beckie suggested that the Friends contribute \$600 toward these books and the Board agreed. This item will be put on the May agenda for approval.

II—Old Business

- A. FOL Scholarship: Kathleen will be meeting with the scholarship committee to review and select this year’s winner of the FOL Scholarship.
- B. Garden Tour 2023: Vicki sent out 10 letters to potential gardeners. Thus far two said yes, one said no, and seven have not yet replied. Vicki will follow up and will send email to FOL members. Wendy Butler Berns donated a lap quilt for the drawing. Other suggestions for the drawing package include family pass to a waterpark, State Park pass, and a picnic basket with snacks and insect repellent. Anne will send a letter of inquiry to the waterparks.

- C. Revision of Bylaws: Revisions were reviewed. Beckie moved to approve the revisions of the bylaws, Carol seconded, motion passed. The bylaws with revisions will be presented to FOL members for approval at the next annual membership meeting.
- D. Cinco de Mayo Program and/or Activities: Beckie was unable to put together activities for Cinco de Mayo but would like to present program/and or activities in September during Hispanic Heritage Month. Will discuss at future meetings.
- E. Library Improvements and/or Enhancements Using Grants through Legendary LM: Vicki and Carol met with Gerard to discuss various ideas for library improvements, including replacing windows, improving front and rear entrances, tuck pointing, benches at the back entrance, rain garden, landscaping around the building, and path to the bank parking lot. Will continue discussion at future meetings.

III—New Business

- A. Request for \$100 for Michele Stamm's Informational Program on May 18th: Getting Started with a Plant Based Diet: Anne moved to approve \$100 for Michele Stamm's Program, Charlie seconded, motion passed.
- B. FOL Bulletin Board: Beckie will talk with Gerard regarding mounting a bulletin board specific to FOL only.
- C. Updating FOL Website: Beckie asked Autumn if she would be interested in working with Beckie to update the FOL website; Autumn said yes. Charlie motioned to reimburse Autumn, Beckie seconded, motion passed.
- D. Town & Country Days Parade: Suggestions were made to have FOL members ride in the parade. We could have a banner attached to the vehicle promoting the Friends and the garden tour. More discussion at the next meeting.
- E. National Library Week April 23-29: It was decided FOL will have a cake at the library on April 26th to celebrate National Library Week. Carol will purchase the cake, Anne & Beckie will set-up morning of the 26th, Beckie will make flyers, Beckie will ask Gerard to post on library's website/Facebook, and Vicki will submit article to the Leader. Kathleen motioned for Carol to purchase a cake, Barb seconded, motion passed.
- F. Zoom Meetings: Beckie will ask Gerard if FOL may use the Library's zoom account to conduct meetings.

IV—Announcements and Miscellaneous

Vicki had invited two new Friends to attend this meeting. Beth Naughton is still interested in serving as Secretary.

V—Next Meeting Date: May 15, 2023

VI—Adjournment

Minutes prepared by Beckie Kane, Secretary