

**FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
May 15, 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, Barb Becker, Patty Hoggatt, and Beth Naughton. Absent were Carol Burrows, Kathleen O’Hearn, and Gerard Saylor. Julie Ecklund attended as a guest.

A. Minutes of Board Meeting April 17, 2023: Beckie moved to approve the minutes as written, Patty seconded, and motion passed.

B. Treasurer’s Report Per Charlie:

Checking account balance \$4,832.75  
Lake Mills Market book sales \$27.75  
Library book sales \$63.25  
Library note card sales \$5.00

Charlie took out five new CDs for 14 months at 4.45% APY.

C. Library Director’s Report: Unavailable

D. Library Staff Input: Staff are busy getting ready for the Summer Reading program.

II—Old Business

A. FOL Scholarship was awarded to Lakeside Lutheran student Carlee Zimmermann. Carlee will be attending UW-Stevens Point to study in the area of natural resources. Kathleen will have further comments about the scholarship at the June meeting.

B. Garden Tour 2023—3 gardeners accepted our offer to be on the tour. Vicki sent several more letters to prospective participants and is waiting for responses. Anne looked into donations for water park passes and received two responses. One requires us to be a 501(3) (c) group and another requires that we purchase a pass for 1 night and they would match it with a 2<sup>nd</sup> night. Vicki will email the membership, asking for volunteers at the farmers market to publicize the tour and sell tickets for the drawing.

Patty mentioned that the Cambridge Library purchased Daily State Park Passes and there had been little interest so far.

C. Hispanic Programs and/or Activities – Beckie will plan something for September.

D. Library Improvements and or Enhancements Using Grants through Legendary Lake Mills

Vicki did a walk around the library with Joe Lawniczak from the Wisconsin Main Street Program (Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation). He submitted a thorough report of his findings. He suggested that the bird repelling spikes be removed because they are not working; we could have a different book return that would mirror the look

of the library; and we could use more parking space and might try to rent or purchase part of the Bank of Lake Mills parking lot. The top concerns seemed to be the windows that are fogged and can't be seen through and building a screen to hide the garbage cans from sight. It is believed that the library as a public building is not eligible to use funds from the Main Street Program. We can use funds that come from a foundation though and need to look into this. Anne will ask Lisa Knothe about historic preservation grants.

We will ask Gerard how many windows need to be replaced, see if it is possible to replace only the panes of glass if the window itself is not rotten, and get several bids.

- E. Updating the FOL Website – Autumn will be updating the FOL website. Gerard approved turning the website over to FOL.
- F. Town & Country Days Parade—Members agreed we should have a float in the parade to promote the Garden Tour. Barb is looking into a vehicle (UTV or ATV) to use. We will decide how to decorate the vehicle.

### III—New Business

- A. Wonder Books – At the April meeting the Board expressed support for Wonder Books for the children's area. Anne moved to provide up to \$600 for the Wonder Books, Beckie seconded, and the motion was approved.
- B. Read, Rhyme, Rhythm – Summer Reading Program – Charlie moved to again sponsor this summer program for a total of \$325 (5 classes \$65/class), Barb seconded, and the motion was approved.
- C. SWOT for Friends of the Library Board – Discussed this proposal and decided not to take advantage of this. May come up with our own format and do it at a later date.
- D. FOL Bulletin Board – Gerard approved placing the bulletin board at the rear entrance. We need to find the appropriate size bulletin board.
- E. Zoom Meeting – Gerard approved our using the library account to allow people to attend our meetings virtually.

### IV—Announcements and Miscellaneous

The LMACF annual report was published recently in the Leader. The cake that the Friends purchased in observance of National Library Week was nicely decorated and was well received.

### V—Next Meeting Date: June 19, 2023

### VI—Adjournment

Minutes prepared by Beth Naughton, Secretary