

FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 27, 2023 @ 9am in Library Hall
(note: November 20 meeting was cancelled and rescheduled)

I—Call to Order: President Vicki Wickliffe called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Present were Anne Werner, Beckie Kane, Karie Pollard, Kathleen O’Hearn, Carol Burrows, Barb Becker, and Patty Hoggatt. Absent were Beth Naughton, Matt Joyce, and Gerard Saylor. Murrene Payton and Denise Grossman were in attendance as Friends of the Library member.

- A. Minutes of Board Meeting October 23, 2023: Anne moved to approve the minutes, Kathleen seconded, motion passed.
- B. Treasurer’s Report: Per Karie. It was also discussed that the Friends should have a P.O. Box with all mail going to the post office. Karie will set up the P.O. Box and be the keeper of the key and will also check the box periodically for mail.

Checking account balance	\$3,856.45
Lake Mills Market book sales	\$ 32.50
Library book sales	\$ 22.50
Note card sales (Corner Mercantile)	\$ 10.00
Memorials for M. Price	\$ 150.00

- C. Library Director’s Report: Unavailable

II—Old Business

- A. Reports:
1. Witches Night Out October 25 – Four LM High School students volunteered and did a great job distributing candy to over 1,000 kids. \$189 was spent on candy.
 2. LMHS Fall Musical – FOL was named on the program as \$100 donor. Myrna Keene was the winner of the drawing for two tickets to the play.
 3. Fall Pie Sale- Total \$398. Beckie stated she will not do a pie sale in March, making this pie sale the last one. Anne sent thank you notes to individuals who donated pies.
- B. Head Start Holiday Book Tree: All the tags have been taken from the tree. Since no one bought the pie with the \$40 gift card for the LM Market Beckie suggested we give it away at the Head Start Holiday Party. Kathleen will contact Head Start to see how this can be accomplished. Murrene has a friend who wishes to be anonymous who would like to purchase 18 books for Head Start, either one for each child or all for Head Start. Kathleen will pass along this information. Carol will purchase the chocolate milk & cookies, Becca will read a Christmas story, and Rich Fronek will play Christmas songs on the piano for a sing-along. The party is on December 20th at 10am. Wrapped books must be at the library no later than Dec. 15th.
- C. Memorial Contributions for Mary Price: Two checks, one at \$50 and one at \$100. FOL will purchase the following books: Born a Crime (Trevor Noah), Montana 1948 and a book on the history of the Milwaukee Brewers. The three books were based on suggestions that Mary’s daughter provided. Beckie moved to approve the purchase of the three books, Patty seconded, motion passed.

D. Hearing Loop System: Tabled for a future meeting.

III—New Business

- A. Teen Theater Program: Brianna asked if the FOL would sponsor this program. FOL supports the program but will need more information before making any decision regarding funding. Will discuss in full at the January meeting.
- B. Gingerbread Person Decorating Contest: Becca requested \$60 in Chamber Bucks (\$20 for each of 3 winners (kids, teens, adults). Carol moved to approve the purchase of 6 Chamber Bucks at \$10 each for a total of \$60. Barb seconded, motion passed. Karie will purchase the Chamber Bucks.
- C. Petty Cash - Beckie asked to remove this from the agenda. Removed.
- D. Publicity for FOL Events – Vicki pointed out that there needs to be more coordination regarding publicity for FOL events. It was decided that Beckie, Vice President of Media and Public Relations, should be notified before any information is posted on social media.
- E. Shared Tools for FOL Board:
 - 1. FOL Distribution List - Barb will share her list of current Friends. Vicki requested that committee chairs, rather than she, send emails to the Friends membership regarding their respective events.
 - 2. FOL Google Spreadsheet – Karie will develop a new spreadsheet for financial transactions. It was decided that only Karie would update the spreadsheet.
- F. FOL Annual Report: Vicki distributed a preliminary annual report and asked for comments. She intends to distribute the report to the membership in January.
- G. Garden Tour 2024: Anne and Beckie announced that they will not be organizing and setting up the Garden Tour with Vicki next year. Discussion was had if FOL should have a Garden Tour. Vicki said that she has toured four potential gardens and contacted a 5th gardener. It was decided Vicki would contact a few members to form a committee. At the February meeting FOL will decide if there will be a Garden Tour.
- H. Bridges Friends Coffee Hour (ideas for fundraising)- Handout will be discussed at a future meeting.

IV—Announcements and Miscellaneous:

Anne posted a condolence on the Claussen website for Doug Fritsch and said that she will attend his memorial on Dec. 3rd.

Vicki said that she received a notice from Legendary Lake Mills stating that the New Community Center Policy requires organizations to pay a fee of \$200 biannually to become a sanctioned user. Such status allows use of the facilities once per month free of charge.

V—Next Meeting Date: January 15, 2024 @ 9am

VI—Adjournment

Minutes prepared by Beckie Kane