

FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 20, 2023 @ 9am in Library Hall
Revised minutes 3/17/2023

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.

A. Minutes of Board Meeting January 16, 2023: Minutes will be addressed at the March meeting, due to more information needed regarding treasurer’s report.

B. Treasurer’s Report Per Charlie

Checking account balance	\$5,719.62
Lake Mills Market book sales	\$ 44.50
Library book sales	\$ 54.00
Library note card sales	\$ 5.00
Daydream Believer note card sales	\$ 2.00

C. Library Director’s Report: There is new software for the public computers. Self-checkout is now available. CDs and DVDs will no longer be locked so patrons can utilize the self-checkout. Nancy Wilhelm will present the strategic planning results at the Library Board meeting. Interviews will be conducted this week for the 30-hour staff position.

D. Library Staff Input: Unavailable

II—Old Business

A. Page Scholarship: Page scholarship will be rolled out at the end of March.

B. Corporate Membership Drive Update: Per Anne

Corporate Membership	24
Revenue	\$ 2,425.00
Expense	
Stamps	\$ 120.00
Newspaper ad	\$ 143.00
Printing Addresses on Envelopes (198)	\$ 80.00
Total	\$ 343.00
Net Revenue	
Total (<i>pending</i>)	\$ 2,082.00

- C. Pi Day Bake Sale: Poster and flyers are done. Beckie will contact Jane at Club 55 with information on donating pies for bake sale. Library staff will insert flyers into books when they are checked out. Vicki will submit an article to the Leader and social media (Lake Mills Community Page and Legendary Lake Mills) regarding pie sale.
- D. Revision of Bylaws: Vicki requested bylaws from various libraries and has received nine. Anne, Vicki, and Beckie will review bylaws and present suggestions for amending them. Terms of office, term limits, new officer positions such as multiple vice-presidents, and staggered election years were discussed.
- E. Cinco de Mayo Program and/or Activities : Beckie suggested a Cinco de Mayo celebration instead of reading to children. Different ideas were discussed, including a celebration in the park and food prepared by a local Hispanic catering service. Carol will email Beckie the name of the catering service and Kathleen will email Beckie the contact information at Head Start. Beckie will continue to explore ideas for Cinco de Mayo.
- F. Ideas for Library Improvements and/or Enhancements Using Grants through Legendary LM: Several ideas were discussed, including a statue in front of library and tables with umbrellas in the front yard. Anne will inquire about the artist who was going to make a statute a number of years ago and Vicki will contact Raina regarding grants from the Main Street program.
- G. Installing Recently Accepted Library Artwork: Beckie will hang artwork donated by Karen Etter Hale.

III—New Business

- A. Request for Prizes for Gumball Machine for Youth Services: Anne moved to approve \$193.51 for prizes for the Gumball Machine, Beckie seconded, motion approved.
- B. Program Involving Wisconsin Poet Laureate: Karen Crosby of the Arts Alliance contacted Vicki regarding co-sponsoring an event involving the Wisconsin Poet Laureate. Voice vote was yes pending details.
- C. Nature of and Uses of "Special" Fund of \$8700: There has been no final decision by library staff regarding use of the "Special" Fund.
- D. Sources of and Distribution of Scholarship Monies: Charlie suggested that Scholarship amounts be based on \$1500 and \$1000 plus one-half of earned interest from the prior year. This would result in different scholarship amounts from year to year. Beckie suggested that we take out the dollar amount of \$2,500 yearly instead of basing the amounts on interest earned. The Board agreed that scholarship amounts should remain consistent from year to year. Carol pointed out that increased monies could be taken out to be used for other programs and purchases if interest earned is greater than \$2,500. No decision was made regarding use of interest for other programs and purchases.
- E. Membership Recruitment: Will continue to discuss ways to increase membership. Beckie will follow up with library staff regarding handing out Friends of the Library membership brochure with new library card. Membership brochures will be dropped off at Club 55.

- F. Future of Garden Tours: We need ways to increase the net profit. It appears that the net gain does not compensate for all of the labor involved. Anne suggested selling tickets and having a drawing instead of a raffle, thus avoiding the cost of a raffle license and printing raffle tickets at Leader Printing. Will continue discussion at next meeting.
- G. Fundraising Ideas from Bridges Coffee Hour: Discussed different ideas from the 2022 Library Friends Coffee Meetings handout. Beckie will make a flyer for the front desk with the following idea: “Buy a Membership” as a gift. Have family programs that will promote Friends of the Library and have a speaker at Municipal Building with cheese & wine. Will continue discussion at all future meetings.

IV—Announcements and Miscellaneous

- A. Knickerbocker Ice Festival Trivia Team: Friends of the Library won first place! The team donated the \$100 first place award to Friends of the Library. Charlie will deposit the \$100.
- B. Other: Vicki submitted an article on “February is National Library Lovers Month” to the Leader and the Lake Mills Community Facebook page. Persons who responded with a “Like” on Facebook should be encouraged to become Friends of the Library.

V—Next Meeting Date: March 20, 2023

VI—Adjournment

Minutes prepared by Beckie Kane, Secretary