

**FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 18, 2026 @ 9AM IN LIBRARY HALL**

I-Call to Order: President Vicki Wickliffe called the meeting to order at 9am. Present were Barb Becker, Holly Boesch, Carol Burrows, Barb Cramer, Beckie Kane, Beth Naughton, Kathleen O'Hearn, Anne Werner and Gerard Saylor. Also in attendance as were Barb Smith, Dave Lemke and Mike Bernatz. Patty Hoggatt was absent.

A. Approval of April 20, 2026 board meeting minutes: Beth moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Beckie. Motion passed.

B. Treasurer's report: Barb C. reported for the period 4/21/26 to 5/18/26.

Deposits:	Notecard sales (Daydream)	\$	13.00	
	FOL memberships		85.00	
	Used book sales-library		30.00	
	Used book sales-LM Market		36.00	
	Voided check (raffle license)		50.00	
				Total \$214.00
Expenditures:	BLM-new checks	\$	18.75	
	Anne Werner (cake, etc.)		70.55	
	WI raffle license		25.00	
	Aztalan Printing (tote bags)		177.24	
				Total \$291.54

Ending checking account balance: \$7,879.33

C. Library Director's report: Gerard said Becca and Brianna have the Summer Reading Program and Read, Rhythm, Rhyme on track for this summer. The library will be closed on May 28 and 29 for preparations for the Summer Reading Program as well as preparations for the move. There will be a dumpster on site. The move to City Hall is tentatively to begin on August 15. Noah Kopp can construct wooden storage carts (an example was on the stage) to use for both moving and temporary shelving at City Hall. Gerard might be able to get more shelves that UW-Madison is giving away. A circulation desk currently used at LMMS will be utilized at City Hall. The Library Board will vote today to put bids out for the construction. The Thrive event went well, and the Clark family of Lake Mills will be hosting another. Fundraising is at 85%.

II. Old Business

A. Library Online Store: Beth has been in contact with Megan at Madison Top who is working on our online store for water bottle and t-shirt sales.

B. Screen Print Tote Bags from Aztalan Printing: Barb C. brought in the 24 bags that were made using the library picture from our sepia notecards. The cost was \$7.38/bag . Beckie will make a poster saying that proceeds from the sale of the bags will go toward the library expansion. They will be for sale at the library for cash or check only. Beth made a motion to sell bags for \$15 each, seconded by Barb B. Motion passed.

C. Scholarship: Kathleen reported that the scholarship was award to Isabellah Legel. She will

be attending Cedarville University in Ohio. Sandy Whisler made the presentation at Awards Night.

D. FOL Audit: Mike Bernatz, a former CFO of Milwaukee Public Museum and new Lake Mills resident, will be conducting the 2023-2025 audit. Beckie will provide the meeting minutes within that time frame for him. He will be aided/observed by another two volunteers to be determined. Upon completion, he will issue a final report. (Discussion was had regarding having a document available that enables board members to make sales tax-free purchases.)

E. VP of Fundraising: New Lake Mills Resident Holly Boesch has agreed to be FOL's VP of Fundraising. She will proceed once she has all necessary info. Welcome, Holly!

F. National Library Week April 19-25, 2026: Anne reported that the cake was consumed by the end of the day on April 19. Some of the red tote bag drawing prizes were not picked up.

G. Raffle of Lawn Sculpture: Barb Smith will set up an informational sign next to Bud's sculpture in the library's front garden. Barb had 30 posters made by Leader Printing which she will give to Beckie. The raffle will be advertised in the Leader and on social media. Barb gave each board member 20 tickets to sell and suggested taking a photo of the sculpture to show prospective ticket buyers. Tickets are \$5 each or 5/\$20. There are a total of 1500 tickets which will be kept in the FOL drawer at the library. Lorene Schramm will set up a table and chairs at the June, July and August Firefly Night Markets. Vicki will email the membership for volunteers for these nights. The value of the sculpture is \$1,600.

III. New Business

A. Request to Fund Book Prizes for Summer Reading Program: Vicki read an email from Becca requesting up to \$1,000 to purchase books as prizes. Motion made by Beckie to fund up to \$1,000, seconded by Carol. Motion passed.

B. Request to Fund Summer "Read, Rhyme, Rhythm": Becca requested \$450 (\$75/session) for the "Read, Rhyme, Rhythm" program. Motion to fund \$450 made by Beth, seconded by Kathleen. Motion passed.

C. Renewal of CD's: Barb C. stated there are 4 cd's maturing on May 21 (\$10,674, \$9,988, \$11,847, \$11,860). She said Dan at BLM suggested staggering the renewals. Barb B. suggested possible combining them into 2 cd's. Barb C. will ask Dan for his recommendations and move forward.

D. Temporary Storage of FOL Materials During Move: Beckie, Barb B., Beth, Holly and Anne volunteered (day and time permitting) to sort through the items in the library's basement storage room. Gerard suggested May 28 and/or 29 when the library will be closed and a dumpster available.

IV. Announcements and Miscellaneous: Kathleen will attend today's Library Board meeting.

V. Next meeting date: June 22 at 9am

VI. Adjournment at 10:40 am

Minutes prepared by Anne Werner and subject to correction/approval at the June 2026 meeting.