FRIENDS OF THE L.D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 21, 2026 @ 9AM IN LIBRARY HALL

I-Call to Order: Executive Vice President Beth Naughton called the meeting to order at 9am. Present were Barb Becker, Holly Boesch, Barb Cramer, Patty Hoggatt, Kathleen O'Hearn, Anne Werner and Gerard Saylor. Carol Burrows, Beckie Kane and Vicki Wickliffe were absent.

A. Approval of August 17, 2026, board meeting minutes: Kathleen moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Barb B. Motion passed.

B. Treasurer's report: Barb C. reported for the period 8/17/26 to 9/17/26.

Deposits:	FOL memberships:	75.00	
	Note card sales	46.85	
	Raffle ticket sales	950.00	
	Donations	100.00	
	Return cash box start up money	150.00	
			Total $1,321.85
Expenditures:	Storywalk books	41.46	
	Aztalan Screen (tote bags)	88.62	
	Leader Printing (note cards)	50.00	
	WI financial reporting fee	25.00	
	Transfer to LMACF account	10,000.00	
			Total $10,205.08

Ending checking account balance: $4,309.40

Discussion was had regarding the money that is over the $3,000 limit in the checking account. It was mentioned that we should have a savings account at BLM where transfers can easily be made between the two accounts.

C. Library Director's report: Gerard said $11,000 was raised for the library expansion by the Rotary Club-sponsored 5K Run/Walk on September 12. Over 90 people participated. He is waiting to hear about possible matching funds from the Watertown Area Community Health Foundation. Revised bid requests went out for the library expansion. Contractors have an extended amount to time to submit which might bring in more bids. Lisa Bollinger is the new Library Board member. The board has not yet voted for a new president

II. Old Business

A. Raffle Results and Comments: Beth read comments submitted by Barb Smith.

B. Culver's Fundraiser Results and Comments: Barb C. said the check from Culver's will be ready this afternoon. Tips amounted to $18.30. Barb C. mentioned that Jersey Mike's in Johnson Creek does fundraising also. Holly said she will check it out.

C. Paver Language for Charlie: Beth read suggestions from Vicki. We want to ensure that “Friends of the Library” will be on the paver.

D. Application for 501(c)3 Status: Mike Bernatz has offered to oversee the application process. Beth and Vicki will assist.

E. Election of Officers in October: Vicki will send out voting emails. Barb B. will send letters to those without email.

III. New Business

A. Witches Night Out-Oct. 28, 4-6PM: We will again provide candy to be given out at the library. Anne will purchase the candy.

B. National Friends of Libraries Week-Oct. 18-24: It was decided to raffle a tote bag and the 2 free high school musical tickets we receive from our donation.

C. Bridges Coffee Hour and Chat: Vicki will attend. It is the same day as our monthly meeting, so the board will meet at 3pm instead of 9am.

D. Annual Drive for Corporate Sponsors: Beth has started the process. Barb B. offered to assist.

E, Donation for High School Musical-Nov. 6-8: We will donate $100 this year, which is categorized as “Stage Manager.”

F. Scholarship Committee: Kathleen said she is stepping down as chair of the committee. Denise Grossman will take over the position. Sandy Whisler will stay on.

IV. Announcements and Miscellaneous: Beth read a thank you from Brianna and Becca for our donation to the very successful Summer Reading Program.

V. Next meeting date: October 19 at 3pm

VI. Adjournment at 9:45 am

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