

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES



April 18, 2022 4:00 PM

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The purposes of this corporation are:

- to promote public use of the Mammen Family Public Library
- to develop appreciation of its value as a cultural and educational asset to the community
- to supplement library services and materials beyond the library's normal operating budget
- and to encourage the extension and improvement of its services.

The corporation also supplements the library's mission to provide an environment that inspires a life-long love of learning with programs and activities that make available educational and cultural opportunities not normally accessible to members of the community.

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Call to order/verify quorum: Mary Lu Zellers called the meeting to order and verified a quorum at 4:01. In attendance were Board members Mary Lu Zellers, Anne-Marie Kimbell, Deb Halsted, Jo Ellen Towry and Athena Houghtaling. Absent were Linda Quintero and Susan Shapiro. Also in attendance were Mary Catherine Cole, member, and Donna Harris, BARLD President. Susan Herr, Library Director, also attended part of the meeting.

Introduction of guests – Olivia (granddaughter of Jo Ellen), was also present.

Opening remarks – Mary Lu shared the new brochure. She also reported that she has worked on the by-laws this month.

Approval of March meeting minutes: Deb Halsted motioned to approve the March minutes; Jo Ellen seconded; motion passed.

BARLD Report – Donna reported they are looking forward to the joint meeting in May. Work on the chiller is not yet complete but is underway.

Foundation Report – No representative was in attendance. Mary Lu reported that the Realtors Roundtable is tomorrow.

Library Director's Report – Susan H. provided information about the Summer Reading program for 2022. The kickoff will be June 11, and the theme is Oceans of Possibilities. There have been repairs on the irrigation system recently. Staff meeting will be held April 26 from 12-2 p.m.

Treasurer's Report – Linda was not present but sent notes, which Mary Lu read aloud. We will review the 2021 taxes at the next board meeting; an extension is being filed. Linda (in writing) made a motion that we approve the Butterfly Garden request for an additional \$400 for the rest of 2022 (\$60 to finish sanding and staining 3 gazebos and 1 bench; \$100 for plants; \$240 for mulch/soil/compost/fertilizer.) Anne-Marie seconded. Motion passed.

Communications – nothing to report.

Committee Reports – Sent out with meeting documents.

Wreaths Across America – Donna noted that we want to sell sponsorships during the week leading up to Memorial Day and will need volunteers to assist. More info to come.

Old Business

- S. T.A.G.E. Fundraiser on May 5 – few tickets sold to date.
- Bylaws Proposed Revisions – Draft of proposed revisions was sent to the board prior to the meeting. Discussion of how to present them to FOL membership; decided on a coffee and cookie event on Tuesday, May 10 from 2-7. E-blast will go out soon asking members to review the proposed bylaws and vote in person on May 10 or by e-mail if unable to attend.
- Revised FOL Brochure – Completed and printed.
- Chamber Luncheon April 20 – Several board members will be in attendance. Linda and Mary Lu will present. They will have FOL brochures, membership forms, bookmarks, Wreaths Across America brochures, and S.T.A.G.E. benefit information to hand out.
- Book and Author Event September 21- The committee will meet again on May 4 at 2:30.

New Business

- Book Nook Coupon - Member Recipient for April – Lucy Bobick
- FOL Board Vacancy – We have a vacancy due to Susan Lemarre's resignation.
- FOL Spring Newsletter – Mary Lu will send out a spring newsletter soon.
- FOL Board Meetings – discussed meeting dates. No change.

April Meetings Representation: BARLD, Chamber Luncheon – Deb H will attend BARLD this week (April 21); Athena will attend both BARLD and Foundation in May.

Calendar Review – completed.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 16 at 4:00 pm

Mark your calendars – Joint meeting with BARLD & Foundation Boards – May 21

Adjournment at 4:59

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Kimbell, Co-secretary

Approved: May 16, 2022