

Friends of the Republic Library Board Minutes  
December 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 am by President Diane Engleking  
Board Members present: Diane Engleking; Cynthia Bonneau-Green; Arwen Woolley; Emily Burt;  
Cherie Gorton; Marna Friend; Katherine Meade\*  
Board Members absent: Patrice Beckwith; Mary Ciais; CathyJo Gregory; Christina Beckwith  
Members at Large present: Tina Smith\*; Dan Smith\*  
Librarian present: Jas Templet  
\* via teleconference

Minutes: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the November 12, 2024 annual board meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Arwen gave the Treasurer's Report as of 12/16/24 (refer to financial reports).  
The summary is as follows: Note: balances are as of 12/16/24:

Building Fund Savings – \$14,812.78

Building Fund Checking: \$4,095.62

STCU Checking: \$17,812.78

STCU Savings: \$671.48

Income/Expense 11/9/24-12/16/24:

Grant Income \$0

Contributions: \$3,799.90 (1)

Membership dues: \$830.00

Misc. Income: \$125.00

Interest Income: \$1.82

Total Income: \$4,756.72

Total Expenses: \$179.78

Net Income (loss): \$4,574.94

(1) includes a generous donation by John Magotaux.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Arwen requested the board approve a dollar limit she can pay without prior board approval.  
Upon discussion, a motion was duly made and seconded and unanimously approved that  
Arwen can pay up to \$50.00 (per individual expense) without prior board approval.

Also of note: Arwen will research getting a property tax exemption.

President's Update:

A lengthy discussion was had regarding community concerns (re: NCW/branch policies) and how best to proceed within the mission of FORL. One idea floated was an article, possibly in the "Librarian's Corner", on the ways parents can control what their children check out from the library. This topic was tabled until the January 2025 meeting.

Librarian's Update:

Jas updated the board on the winterfest activities scheduled for the library . Jas also gave an update on items purchased or to be purchased with ADA grant for rural communities. The funds need to be spent by May, 2025.

Building Subcommittee Update:

Emily gave the update. The owner's representative is now under contract. The first in person meeting is scheduled for 1/15/25 with all of the stakeholders. The committee continues to work on additional grants. Refer to building committee minutes for a detailed report.

New Business:

Website update point person - tabled until January, 2025 meeting.

Snow shoveling - approved : Emilia will continue to shovel the snow for the branch at \$20.00 per hour (per annual meeting 11/23. No end date was established)

Winterfest - FORL will not have an activity.

Old Business:

None

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.  
The next meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, January 15th - 11:00am at the library.

NOTE:

Annual membership dues for board members will be due at the January meeting.

THE AUDIT COMMITTEE WILL MEET IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULARLY  
SCHEDULED JANUARY MEETING.

Cynthia Bonneau-Green, Secretary

Exhibits: Treasurer's Report and Building Committee Minutes are retained in the FORL master files.