

Friends of the Republic Library Board Minutes
April 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 am by Vice President Patrice Beckwith
Board Members present: Patrice Beckwith; Cynthia Bonneau-Green; Arwen Woolley; Emily Burt; Marna Friend; Katherine Meade; Cherie Gorton; Tina Smith
Board Members absent: Diane Engleking; Mary Ciais; Leslie Tietsort; CathyJo Gregory; Christina Beckwith; Julia Herschberger
Librarian present: Jas Templet
Members at Large present: Joan Smith; Mike Martinoli

Minutes: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the March 19, 2025 board meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Arwen gave the Treasurer's Report as of 3/31/2025 (refer to financial reports). The summary is as follows: Note: balances are as of 3/31/2025:

Building Fund Savings – \$59,484.30

Building Fund Checking: \$4,095.62

STCU Checking: \$2,157.60

STCU Savings: \$13,676.44

Income/Expense for March 2025:

Grant Income \$0

Contributions: \$20.00

Membership dues: \$300.00

Misc. Income: \$500.00

Interest Income: \$9.44

Total Income: \$829.44

Total Expenses: \$1,560.72

Net Income (loss): (\$731.28)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the financial report was unanimously approved.

Arwen reviewed with the board the current insurance coverage and premium amounts (see attached)

President's Report:

Discussion of the budget for the summer reading program was tabled until the May board meeting.

Librarian's Update:

- 1) all of the items for the ADA grant have been purchased and received by the branch; 2) the sidewalks and parking lot have been cleaned; 3) a new sink for the basement has been purchased and will be installed by the city; 4) a craft activity is planned for the Conservation Fair.
- 2) Jas reported that Buffy was a recipient of the WLA Merit Award. Jas also reported to the board that May 9th is their last day as Republic librarian. They have accepted a position in Sonoma County, CA. The board expressed their congratulations and also their appreciation of the great work Jas has done for our library.
- 3) Jas suggest the friends contact the Friends of the Woodlands Library as a resource for fund raising ideas in a small rural community. The Friends of the Woodlands Library have been extremely successful in their fund raising.

Building Subcommittee Update:
Emily reported on the following:

- 1) A new basic design concept by Bearpaw was shared with the board. The design maintains the space for the library, community center, and child card facility but has been simplified with a smaller footprint.
- 2) A new brochure was reviewed with the board. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, and unanimously approved, the board approved the printing of 100 brochures.

Joan updated the board with regard to grant applications. She is working on the submission of an application to the Paul Lauzier Charitable Foundation which is a private foundation supporting rural libraries. The board discussed this proposal. Upon a motion duly made and seconded and unanimously approved, the board fully supports the proposal and grant application to the Paul Lauzier Charitable Foundation.

Refer to the building committee minutes for more details.

Old Business:

Cherie has reserved a booth for FORL at the conservation fair. Mary Cia's has agreed to help with the booth. Cherie will make sure marketing materials and raffle tickets are available at the booth.

Quilt raffle: Marna reviewed the poster samples. The board discussed what size and how many posters should be printed. Marna will follow up with Digital Documents.
Cynthia requested board members purchase \$20. (Or more) raffle tickets for resale. She will have tickets available at every board meeting.

Williams Kastner:

A lengthy discussion was had regarding the invoice from Williams Kastner pertaining to the NCW employee investigation and clarification that any board members participating did so as individuals and not as representatives of FORL. Emily and Cynthia are working with Hunter Able to revise the invoice to reflect a more accurate accounting of services rendered. Upon a motion duly made and seconded and unanimously approved, the current invoice will not be paid until there is a resolution of this issue.

Book sale: discussion was tabled until the May meeting.

New Business:
None

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19pm
The next meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, May 21, at 11:00am at the library.

Cynthia Bonneau-Green, Secretary

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