

Friends of the Republic Library Board Minutes
June 19, 2024*

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 am by President Diane Engelking
Board Members present: Diane Engelking; Cynthia Bonneau-Green; Arwen Woolley; Emily Burt;
Cherie Gorton; CathyJo Gregory; Marna Friend; Katherine Meade; Patrice Beckwith
Board Members absent: Julia Herschberger; Christina; Mary Cia's;
Members at Large present: John Hageman
Librarian present: none
Guests: none

Minutes: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the May 15, 2024 board meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Arwen gave the Treasurer's Report (detailed in Exhibits). The summary is as follows: Note: balances are as of 6/17/24

Building Fund Savings – \$21,755.32

Building Fund Checking: \$885.63

STCU Checking: \$2,242.97

STCU Savings: \$670.97

Income/Expense 5/12/24 - 6/17/24

Contributions: \$174.00

Misc. Revenue: \$1,229.96

Interest Income: \$3.16

Membership dues: \$210.00

Total Income: \$1,613.96 (does not include interest income)

Total Expenses: \$451.90

Net Income (loss): \$1,165.22

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved. Arwen also reported the following:

A double sided "Future Home of the Republic Library" is ordered.

Income from the book sale was \$1,124.96. There were also two lifetime memberships and one annual membership received.

President's Update:

The book sale was a success. Children's books, gardening books, and possible books for sale in the branch are stored at the front of the shed for easier access. The small FORL banner is also in the shed. A general discussion was had on ideas for future book sales, including: adding an extra day (Sunday); setting a fixed weekend for an annual book sale (to be on the agenda at the FORL annual meeting); calling volunteers to get additional help for the book sale (Cherie expressed an interest in spearheading this effort); having a manual for book sale guidelines. It was also noted we could use more: children's books, westerns, fantasy/sci fi, and graphic novels. We may accept book donations in these categories.

Librarian's Update: (given by Diane)

NCW will provide security cameras for the branch. These cameras will be moved to the new building when completed. Jas will be presenting a proposal to city council for motion lights. The city is providing paint to cover the tagging on the library. Lilly will do the painting.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded and unanimously approved, up to \$500.00 may be spent on carpet cleaning for the library. The librarian will schedule.

*the meeting was held at the LDS Church due to the Juneteenth Holiday and closed branch.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded and unanimously approved, the list of SLP prizes provided to the board is approved and any additional prizes with a maximum expenditure for all SLP prizes OF \$500.00.

Building Committee Update:
Emily reported the following:

We are at the point where a project manager needs to be hired. A PUD Grant has been submitted which provides for \$60,000 for a project manager. They are also working on getting engineering and a storm management plan. Ferry County Sunrise is disbanding and will donate approximately \$43,000 for broad band and private spaces for internet access.

A private family has contacted the building committee re: a donation and request their name be on a reading room. A discussion was had regarding donor recognition. NCW board determines the naming of spaces, however it was determined that FORL should also formulate a policy. Emily will work with NCW regarding this issue. Winthrop library will also be contacted to get a copy of their guidelines.

Emily reported she had taken down political ads/signs on the property.

Old Business:

Membership mailing: Arwen passed around information regarding the outcome of last year's mailing. \$4,975 was brought in as a result of the mailing. A general discussion was had and the following ideas were presented: adding an insert for the building update (Emily is working on this) and maybe a sticker on the front of the mailer re: building update enclosed. The mailer should include notice of the annual meeting - directing readers to website/Facebook. A welcome letter specifically to new residents was also discussed.

Cherie gave an update on the Prospector's Days table. It was a success and over \$100. In raffle tickets were sold. Emily said the brewery would be happy to display the Nick Payne pastel and sell tickets. A poster will be placed at the branch letting people know where to purchase tickets.

Weed control: Patrice gave an update on the mitigation of the common bugloss on the property. She has contacted the weed board with the update and informed the weed board that the property adjacent to ours has this weed unchecked which will ultimately spread to our property if not mitigated.

New Business:

The annual meeting date was set for Tuesday, November 12 from 5-6:30 pm at the branch. Fair booth: a point person is needed for this event. This will be discussed at the July meeting. Katherine noted that it will be important for all volunteers to be properly trained on how to discuss the new library project.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 pm.
The next meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, July 17 at 11:00 am at the branch.

Cynthia Bonneau-Green, Secretary

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