

Friends of the Republic Library Board Minutes
October 15, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 by President, Diane Engleking
Board Members present: Diane Engleking; Arwen Woolley; Cynthia Bonneau-Green; Emily Burt; Patrice Beckwith; Cherie Gorton; Julia Herschberger; Katherine Meade; Tina Smith; Mary Ciais
Board Members absent: Marna Friend; Leslie Tietsort; Cathy Jo Gregory; Christina Beckwith
Librarian present: Buffy Jackson
Member at Large/Guest: Nancy Churchill

Minutes: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the September 17, 2025 board meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Arwen gave the Treasurer's Report as of 9/30/2025 (refer to financial reports). The summary is as follows: Note: balances are as of 9/30/2025:

Building Fund Savings – \$57,920.87

Building Fund Checking: \$2,175.50

STCU Checking: \$5,874.76

STCU Savings: \$12,485.84

Cash box: \$0

Income/Expense for September 2025:

Grant Income \$0

Contributions: \$339.18

Membership dues: \$100.00

Misc. Income: \$1,951.47 (primarily book sale)

Interest Income: \$8.66

Total Income: \$2,399.31

Total Expenses: \$884.62

Net Income (loss): \$1,514.69

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

Arwen reviewed with the board the 2026 fee increases from Web Radish. She reported that total increases are not expected to exceed \$100.00.

Building Subcommittee Update:

Emily reported that several legal agreements are now in place for the grant application for the early learning component of the project.

As part of the application process, a motion is needed to clarify that amounts in excess of \$6,000 will be held in the building savings account which is used for project costs.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved that funds in excess of \$6,000. be held in the building savings account which is used for project costs.

President's Update:

The format and program for the Annual Meeting was discussed. Cherie will coordinate refreshments; Notice for the meeting has been posted on Facebook and the FORL website. Katherine distributed posters for the board members to put up around the community as well as being posted in the library. Nancy Churchill donated several NCW Libraries promotional items for drawing prizes. Cynthia reviewed the board positions up for election and confirmed the members holding these positions would still like to be nominated to the board. Additional nominations will be accepted at the annual meeting.

We received an email from the Friends of the Naches Library Coalition asking for information on our organization. Diane will reached out to out via telephone. It was noted that the FORL website is an excellent source of information.

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Librarian's Report:

Buffy requested approval to purchase a charging station for use by the public. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the board unanimously approved up to \$300.00 for the purchase of a charging station.

Buffy reported on the following:

- 1) The City has installed a new bench in front of the library.
- 2) Buffy and Lilly are working on building new programs, especially Friday programs for kids not in school.
- 3) There will be a drumming circle on November 14.

Old Business:

Quilt raffle tickets. Currently, 2,103 tickets have been sold. The drawing will be held at the annual meeting. Patrice will put an ad in the View to remind people to purchase tickets before the annual meeting on November 18. Tickets will be available at the brewery.

New Business:

Katherine shared with the board information on a tote bag with the FORL logo. The price for each bag is approximately \$20. and they could be sold for approximately \$25.00. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the board approved \$500.00 for the purchase of FORL tote bags.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.
The next meeting of the Board will be the annual meeting on Tuesday, November 18 from 5-7pm at the library.

Cynthia Bonneau-Green, Secretary

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED THE BOARD MEETING.

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