

Friends of the Republic Library Board Minutes  
ANNUAL MEETING  
November 18, 2025

Following the social time (5-5:30pm) the meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by President Diane Engleking

Board Members present: Diane Engleking; Mary Ciaia; Cynthia Bonneau-Green; Julia Herschberger; Arwen Woolley; Emily Burt; Cherie Gorton; Leslie Tietz; Katherine Meade; Christina Beckwith; Patrice Beckwith

Board Members absent: Marnna Friend; Cathy Jo Gregory; Tina Smith

Librarian present: Buffy Jackson

NOTE: a total of 33 Board Members, FORL at large members, NCW Libraries staff, and guests were present. See sign in sheet in the Annual Meeting 2025 Master File.

President Diane Engleking welcomed members and guests. Diane gave a brief presentation on the mission and activities of FORL. She noted that, in addition to the normal activities of FORL, the major goal at this time is building the new library.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the October 15, 2025 FORL meeting were unanimously approved.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the October 15, 2025 Audit Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report and annual update: Arwen gave the financial highlights from 11/1/24 through 10/31/25. Highlights are as follows:

Gross Profit: \$73,799.91

Net Operating Income: \$55,111.06

Other Income: \$85.35

Net Income: \$55,196.41

Balance Sheet as of 10/31/25:

Total for Bank Accounts: \$73,916.61

Total Assets: \$73,916.61

Total Liabilities: \$0

Total Equity: \$73,916.61

(See master file for detailed report)

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

Librarian's Annual Update:

Buffy gave an overview of the activities, programs, and outreach projects for the Republic branch and answered questions from members and guests. (See master file for details).

Presentation by Building Committee on the new library building project:

Christina Beckwith gave a power point presentation on the new building project...where we started; the challenges over the past year; and the path forward. A copy of the presentation is in the Annual Meeting 2025 master file. Christina answered questions from the members and guests.

Annual Meeting Business:

Nominations and election of board members for 2025:

A total of eight open positions are being elected.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a slate of nominees was unanimously approved. The slate consisted of the following names: Patrice Beckwith; Cynthia Bonneau-Green; Arwen Woolley; Emily Burt; Christina Beckwith; Julia Herschberger; Diane Engleking.

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Diane Engleking opened up nominations from the floor. Cynthia Bonneau-Green nominated Scott Powers. Ballots with all the nominees were distributed to FORL members present for voting. 24 ballots were submitted And the following board members were elected for a two year term beginning in January 2026:

Patrice Beckwith

Cynthia Bonneau-Green

Arwen Wooley

Emily Burt

Christina Beckwith

julia Herschberger

Diane Engleking

Scott Powers

Additional 2026 board members (whose terms expire at the end of 2026):

Cherie Gorton

Mary Ciais

Leslie Tietsort

Marna Friend

CathyJo Gregory

Katherine Meade

Tina Smith

(Refer to the Annual Meeting 2025 Master File for ballots and detailed information).

Additional business:

Arwen requested a Special Meeting of the board be scheduled to review and approve the grant contract from Waters Meet Foundation. Upon discussion, the meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 5:00 in the chamber office. Patrice will send out a notice to all board members.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, \$200.00 was unanimously approved for winter reading and Winterfest supplies.

Quilt Raffle Drawing:

The quilt was won by Bruce - WaFed manager.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be Wednesday, December 17, at 11:00 at the Republic library branch.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Cynthia Bonneau-Green, Secretary

Exhibits: Details of presentations and election are retained in the FORL master files.