

Friends of the Republic Library Board Minutes  
December 17, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 11:06am by President Diane Engleking  
Board Members present: Diane Engleking; Mary Ciaia; Cynthia Bonneau-Green; Arwen Woolley;  
Emily Burt; Cherie Gorton; Leslie Tietz; Katherine Meade; Tina Smith; Patrice Beckwith  
Board Members absent: Marna Friend; Cathy Jo Gregory; Julia Herschberger; Christina Beckwith  
Guests/members at large: Scott Powers; Heather Brice  
Librarian present: Lilly Rice

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the November 18, 2025 FORL meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report and annual update: Arwen gave the treasurer's report as of 11/30/2025 (refer to financial reports on file). The summary is as follows: Note: balances are as of 11/30/2025:

Building Fund Savings - \$68,755.10  
Building Fund Checking - \$3,100.68  
STCU Checking - \$4,920.86  
STCU Savings - \$2,487.24  
Cash box - \$0

Income/Expense for November 2025

Grant Income - \$5,000.00

Contributions - \$106.00

Misc. Revenue - \$565.00

Membership Dues - \$130.00

Interest Income - \$8.39

Total Income: \$5,809.30

Total Expenses: \$394.57

Net Income (Loss): \$5,414.82

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

Building Subcommittee Update:

Emily presented the contract for the Waters Meet Action Fund grant. Upon review and discussion, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the board unanimously approved that Diane execute the contract with the following revisions:

Section 1. Item b - that funds may be secured by the Grantee or partners designated in the currently signed MOU.

Section 9 - defines "Conditional Grant Period" including a deadline date.

We have received \$1 million in funding via Maria Cantwell's office.

\$500,000. from the State grant can now be transferred to the City for site improvement.

President's Update:

Diane will send a thank you note on behalf of FORL for hiring Jennifer Knowles.

Librarian's Update:

Lilly gave updates on various branch activities including Winter Reading and activities for Winterfest. A silent book group meets from 3-5:00 every Sunday at the brewery.

Old Business:

Quilt raffle tickets - a total of \$2,387.00 (gross) was raised on the quilt raffle.

New Business:

Cherie is the point person for FORL Winterfest activities. She can use volunteers.

Katherine would like to have the mail chimp account reactivated. Arwen will check on the status of the account.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be Wednesday, January 21, at 11:00 at the Republic library branch.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.

Cynthia Bonneau-Green, Secretary

Exhibits: Details of financial reports, building subcommittee minutes, and contracts are retained in the FORL master files.