

Friends of the Republic Library Board Minutes  
June 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 11:11am by President Diane Engleking  
Board Members present: Patrice Beckwith; Cynthia Bonneau-Green; Arwen Woolley; Emily Burt; Diane Engleking; Katherine Meade; Cherie Gorton; Marna Friend; CathyJo Gregory; Tina Smith

Board Members absent: Leslie Tietsort; Mary Ciais; Christina Beckwith; Julia Herschberger

Librarian present: Buffy Jackson

Members at Large present: Woody Helms; Joan Smith (via Zoom)

Minutes: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the May 21, 2025 board meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Arwen gave the Treasurer's Report as of 5/31/2025 (refer to financial reports). The summary is as follows: Note: balances are as of 5/31/2025:

Building Fund Savings – \$60,360.35

Building Fund Checking: \$1,875.50

STCU Checking: \$1,662.20

STCU Savings: \$12,679.81

Income/Expense for May 2025:

Grant Income \$0

Contributions: \$240.00

Membership dues: \$0

Misc. Income: \$0

Interest Income: \$9.38

Total Income: \$249.38

Total Expenses: \$1,851.80

Net Income (loss): (\$1,603.42)

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

President's Report:

Diane reviewed the minutes/checklist from the Audit committee meeting of 5/22/2025. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Audit committee minutes/checklist was unanimously approved.

A brief discussion was had regarding the recording of the monthly board meeting. The board determined not to record the meetings.

Website updates: Patrice will be the point person for having the website updated quarterly with minutes and agendas.

Librarian's Update:

- 1) The summer reading program has begun. Nearly 200 people have signed up.
- 2) We now have a maker's section in the corner for pre-teens as well as a self checkout system.
- 3) The I Spy wall is up.
- 4) Volunteers are needed for the TieDye day (7/17) and the end of season Summer Reading party (8/14 from 10am-1pm)
- 5) Lego wall: Midway has donated plywood and adhesive. A motion was duly made and seconded to approve up to \$350. for legos, platforms, and any additional items.
- 6) Buffy is coordinating with the City to have six outdoor hanging planters.

Building Subcommittee Update:  
Emily reported on the following:

- 1) The committee is working on details for a smaller and less expensive version of the building.
- 2) Emily reported that Hunter Able of Williams Kastner has reduced our outstanding bill (re: confidential employee interviews conducted by NCW) from \$4,131.42 to \$1,837.50. Emily also recommended completing our relationship with Williams Kastner as our needs have changed. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the engagement of Williams Kastner will be terminated. Emily and Cynthia are authorized to prepare (and send) the letter on behalf of the board.
- 3) Upon a motion duly made and seconded FORL will engage legal counsel on a case by case basis, with preference given to local firms when appropriate. The Building Subcommittee is authorized to engage legal counsel on behalf of FORL to be ratified at the next scheduled board meeting.

Refer to the building committee minutes for more details.

Old Business:

Cynthia reported the FORL table at Prospector's Days had great community response. 277 quilt tickets were sold at the event.

Quilt raffle update: To date we have sold 1,449 tickets.

Book sale: A point person is still needed for the book sale September 5th & 6th with set up on Thursday the 4th.

New Business:

A recommendation was made to have a letter in the View regarding the progress of the new library project. Tina will draft a letter.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 pm  
The next meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, July 16th at 11:00am at the library.

Cynthia Bonneau-Green, Secretary

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