

Friends of the Republic Library Board Minutes
July 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 11:07am by President Diane Engleking
Board Members present: Patrice Beckwith; Cynthia Bonneau-Green; Arwen Woolley; Emily Burt; Diane Engleking; Cherie Gorton; Leslie Tietz; Mary Ciais; Julia Herschberger
Board Members absent: Katherine Meade; CathyJo Gregory; Tina Smith; Christina Beckwith; Marna Friend
Librarian present: Buffy Jackson
Members at Large present: Joan Smith;
Guests: Nancy Churchill

Minutes: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the June 18, 2025 board meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Arwen gave the Treasurer's Report as of 6/30/2025 (refer to financial reports). The summary is as follows: Note: balances are as of 6/30/2025:

Building Fund Savings – \$60,386.61

Building Fund Checking: \$525.50

STCU Checking: \$185.25

STCU Savings: \$11,681.31

Income/Expense for June 2025:

Grant Income \$0

Contributions: \$50.00

Membership dues: \$10.00

Misc. Income: \$372.00

Interest Income: \$8.94

Total Income: \$440.94

Total Expenses: \$854.23

Net Income (loss): (\$413.29)

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

President's Report:

Book sale: there will not be a point person. A detailed signup sheet (with shift responsibilities) will be used. Patrice will be responsible for posters, signup/responsibility sheet, View article. Mary will help distribute posters. Set up will be on 9/4 beginning at noon. Donations accepted from 1-5pm.

County Fair: The fair is August 29-31 with booth setup for judging on August 27 (Wednesday). Katherine and Patrice will set up the booth for judging. Katherine will be responsible for opening and closing on fair days. Shifts will be filled via a signup sheet. \$100.00 total budget was approved for the fair, which includes the booth fee. Katherine has a basket to raffle and would like additional items for the basket. The quilt will be displayed in the quilt exhibit by the quilt club. Leslie will coordinate.

Librarian's Update:

- 1) Buffy discussed staffing needs. When hired as librarian, NCW agreed to add a 21 hour (week) part time position. This has not been done. Buffy prepared a detailed memo to NCW as to why this staffing is important to the operation and programming of the branch. Buffy requested the FORL board support her in this request. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, and unanimously approved, FORL will send a letter to NCW supporting Buffy's request. Diane and Katherine are authorized to prepare the letter and send it via email to NCW.

- 2) Buffy asked for volunteers to help with the end of summer reading party at the fairgrounds on Thursday, August 14 from 10am-2pm.
- 3) Buffy is working with the City and Job Corps for outside benches.

Building Subcommittee Update:

Emily reported on the following:

- 1) The committee is working with a design contractor, which is paid for by the Department of Commerce.
- 2) Emily has a meeting scheduled with Hunter Able of Williams Kastner to inform him of our current position regarding legal needs and termination of the engagement with Williams Kastner. The letter approved by the board at the June meeting will be delivered at that time.

Refer to the building committee minutes for more details.

Old Business:

Quilt raffle update: To date we have sold 1,700 tickets.

Letter to View regarding an update on the library project which will be drafted by Tina. Tabled until the August meeting.

New Business:

None

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08pm
The next meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, August 20 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.