Friends of the Republic Library Board Minutes
January 21, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 am by President Diane Engleking
Board Members present: Diane Engleking; Cynthia Bonneau-Green; Arwen Woolley; Emily Burt; Cherie Gorton; Katherine Meade; Mary Ciais; Patrice Beckwith; Scott Powers
Board Members absent: Mana Friend; Leslie Tietsort; Julia Hershberger; Christina Beckwith; Tina Smith NOTE: CathyJo Gregory has resigned from the board
Librarian present: Buffy Jackson

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

Special Business:
New board members were installed.
Election of officers:
Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following slate of Officers was nominated and unanimously approved:
President: Diane Engleking
Vice President: Patrice Beckwith
Secretary: Cynthia Bonneau-Green
Treasurer: Arwen Woolley

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following board members were unanimously approved to serve on the Audit Committee of the board:
Diane Engleking; Cherie Gorton; Cynthia Bonneau-Green
Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following board members were unanimously approved to serve on the Legal Review Committee of the board: Emily Burt; Cynthia Bonneau-Green
Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following board members were unanimously approved to serve on the Building Committee of the board: Emily Burt; Arwen Woolley; Katherine Meade; Patrice Beckwith; Christina Beckwith; Scott Powers

Code of Ethics & Standards of Conduct policy - after discussion and review, and Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the board' unanimously approved the Code of Ethics & Standards of Conduct policy 2026 as submitted. Each board member was asked to agree to such policy as evidenced by their signature on the signature page of the policy. See master file.

Treasurer's Report: Arwen gave the Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/25 (refer to financial reports). The summary is as follows: Note: balances are as of 12/31/25:
Building Fund Savings – $64,896.82
Building Fund Checking: $0
STCU Checking: $4,395.81
STCU Savings: $2,487.56
Income/Expense:
Grant Income $0
Contributions: $2,210.00
Membership dues: $20.00
Misc. Income: $0
Interest Income: $8.82
Total Income: $2,238.82
Total Expenses: $33.82
Net Income (loss): $2,205.00

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

President's Update:
Diane will attend the zoom call on 2/3/26 with friends sharing group.

Librarian's Update:
Buffy updated the board on various activities: the winter reading program has more than double the participation from last year; next month is the one year anniversary of the community curated display. She is looking for people to curate future displays; visits and programs for the assisted living and long term care residents. Buffy also gave an update on the success of the library's partnership with Feeding Ferry County.

Building Subcommittee Update:
Emily gave the update. Two State funding requests are in process (co sponsored by S. Short and H. Abell) for approximately $300,000. Application has been submitted (by the Friends) for an additional $50,000.
A motion was duly made and seconded and the board unanimously approved the execution of the Waters Meet contract.
Site prep should begin by June/July.
A tie-dye event with the Brewery was discussed with sale proceeds going to FORL. The board approved that materials will be provided by FORL and the Republic branch. FORL will further discuss providing tote bags for this event.
The board approved reimbursement (to Emily) of $29.52 for bathroom dispenser soap.

Old Business:
Cherie reported on Winterfest activities - despite the lack of snow, the participation was great.

New Business:
Tina will do a letter to the View on a quarterly basis to update the community on the progress of the building project.

Conservation Fair: Cherie and Mary will be the point people for the booth. The fair is 4/25.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:26 pm
The next meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, February 18th - 11:00am at the library.

THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MET IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD MEETING.

Cynthia Bonneau-Green, Secretary

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