Friends of the Republic Library Board Minutes
June 17, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 am by Vice President Patrice Beckwith
Board Members present: Patrice Beckwith; Cynthia Bonneau-Green; Arwen Woolley; Emily Burt; Cherie Gorton; Tina Smith; Julia Herschberger; Mary Ciais; Ernie Miranda
Board Members absent: Diane Engleking; Christina Beckwith; Scott Powers; Katherine Meade; Leslie Tietsort
Guests: Kathleen Miranda; Nancy Churchill
Librarian present: Buffy Jackson

Minutes: <u>Upon a motion duly made and seconded,</u> the minutes of the June 17, 2026 board meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Arwen gave the Treasurer's Report as of 5/31/26 (refer to financial reports). The summary is as follows: Note: balances are as of 5/31/26:
Building Fund Savings – $103,878.22
Building Fund Checking: $4,801.88
STCU Checking: $1,503.07
STCU Savings: $1,489.05
Cash Box: $0
Income/Expense:
Grant/Misc Income $0
Contributions: $295.00
Membership dues: $10.00
Misc. Income: $850.00
Interest Income: $13.90
Total Income: $1,168.90
Total Expenses: $11,941.62
Net Income (loss): ($10,772.72)

<u>Upon a motion duly made and seconded</u>, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.
Upon discussion, the board requested quarterly updates with regard to total project funding inclusive of funds held by the City.
Upon discussion, the board directed Arwen to request the balance of funds ($125,000) from Waters Meet Foundation as the required project funding benchmark has been met.

Building Subcommittee Update:
Emily gave the update.

The State Project Review Committee as given approval for the project to proceed provided FORL and City each establish a person with design and construction making authority. <u>Upon a motion duly made and unanimously approved,</u> the board designated Emily Burt with design and construction decision making authority on behalf of the FORL board. The City will designate Nick Olsen as their design and construction decision making authority.
The RFQ has been opened for the architect and construction team. It has been posted on the City's webpage. It is expected that hiring will be completed by Fall 2026.

President's Update:
Patrice and Arwen will attend the Moses Lake Foundation meeting this afternoon via zoom.

Librarian's Update:
The city is working to resolve the flooding issue caused by the lack of roof gutters.
The little store for "immediate gratification" summer reading prizes has been a great success.
Buffy gave an update on branch activities and events. Volunteers are needed for upcoming events: 7/26 from 10-2 for tie dye in the park; 8/12 for end of summer party 10-2.

Old Business:
Emily gave the update on the tie dye event at the Brewery on August 18 at 5pm. Deadline for preordering T-shirts is July 18.

A brief discussion was had regarding the replacement for Web Radish. Patrice will check with Digital Documents to find out if they offer this service and, if so, what are their fees.

County Fair - Julia will secure the booth space. Members will be asked to sign up at the July & August meetings.

Visitor's kiosk was tabled until July.

New business:
A brief discussion was had regarding Human Library.org. The board thought this would be a good addition to the new library's programming. However, this decision is made at the NCW level. Nancy Churchill said she will bring this to the attention of the NCW board.

Book Sale - the dates of the book sale and determination of a point person will be discussed at the July meeting. The sale of books to Thrift Books was discussed. Buffy will order the totes (for Thrift Books) to be available at the time of the book sale.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am.
The next meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, July 15th - 11:00am at the library.

Cynthia Bonneau-Green, Secretary

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