

Friends of the Republic Library Board Minutes
May 20, 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; Leslie Teitsort; Tina Smith; Julia Herschberger; Patrice Beckwith; Ernie Miranda
Board Members absent: Christina Beckwith; Scott Powers; Mary Ciaais
Guests: Kat Miranda
Librarian present: Buffy Jackson

Minutes: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the April 15, 2026 board meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Arwen gave the Treasurer's Report as of 4/30/26 (refer to financial reports). The summary is as follows: Note: balances are as of 4/30/26:

Building Fund Savings – \$109,546.37

Building Fund Checking: \$5,237.92

STCU Checking: \$642.18

STCU Savings: \$2,488.79

Cash Box: \$0

Income/Expense:

Grant/Misc Income \$0

Contributions: \$2,372.40

Membership dues: \$0

Misc. Income: \$0

Interest Income: \$13.95

Total Income: \$2,386.35

Total Expenses: \$1,188.38

Net Income (loss): 1,197.97

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved. A lengthy discussion was had regarding expense reimbursement and use of the FORL debit card. It was determined the Audit Committee would review and make a recommendation to the board regarding a policy.

Building Subcommittee Update:

Emily gave the update.

The Garden Party was a great success. A total of \$940. Was raised at the dessert auction (\$100. Of which was a donation).

The State Project Review Committee will meet with representatives of FORL/City next week. This is the first step to really moving forward with the project.

RFQ's and RFP's are being prepared. Emily also mentioned there will be multiple opportunities for public input for the building design.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Spokane has opted out of the project. We are actively working on finding a new partner for the child care portion of the project. The City is currently responsible for this portion of the project. This will be an excellent opportunity for a local small business.

President's Update:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Audit Committee minutes of 4/15/26 were approved.

Diane said she would attend the Rural Resources Needs Assessment meeting on 7/31/26.

The board reviewed the Commissioner's proclamation re: Discovery and Heritage in Ferry County. No action was required.

Librarian's Update:

A lengthy discussion was had regarding an annual budget for library programming. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, an annual budget of \$1,600. (From July 1 through June 30 of each year). This amount does not include any additional funds that may be raised for special programs (for example the \$940. raised at the dessert auction). Buffy will provide accounting (including receipts) to Arwen so expenses vs budget can be tracked.

Buffy also provided an update on the various programs, including summer reading.

Wild West donated flowers for the outside of the branch. The ROAR kids will plant them.

The parking lot was cleaned and the City provided new mats. The branch has two new comfortable replacement chairs for patrons. The carpets will be cleaned over Memorial Day Weekend.

Prospector's Days: they are doing the parade and an interactive activity. Board members are invited to walk in the parade.

Old Business:

May Day Garden Party & Dessert Auction (see the Building Subcommittee update).

Merchandise: after discussion, the following prices were approved for the bags: Large \$25. Medium (both styles) \$20. Mini \$15. The bags will be stored at the library.

Visitor's Kiosk and Web Radish replacement topics were tabled until the June meeting.

New business:

Consignment books at the expanded Coop: the board discussed possibilities, but will table any decisions until the expansion project is closer to completion.

County Fair: the Board approved \$50. to reserve space. Julia will take care of this.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm. The next meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, June 17th - 11:00am at the library.

Cynthia Bonneau-Green, Secretary

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