

Friends of the Lacey Library

Board Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2022

Call to Order: President John Grausam called the meeting to order at 12 noon.

Members Present: Sally Fitzgerald, Holly Paxson, Loretta Linstad, Dennis Powell, Rob Conor, John Grausam, Becky Russell, Larry Russell, Mary Gardner, Jessica Strozewski, Jane Collins.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 11, 2022 were approved. (July Board Meeting was cancelled.)

Reports:

Lacey Library Manager: Holly reported several staffing changes. Summer Reading program was a great success resulting in giving away 1,486 free books at Lacey and 153 in Hawks Prairie to those who completed the program. The Library was given its' very own van by TRL, which will be useful for the many community events they plan to participate with. They plan to do more outreach events in lieu of in-house activities. She explained a new partnership (monthly story time) with new local business, Sensory Tool House, which caters to neuro-divergent kids in our community. TRL is now permitting in-person story times inside and various new children's activities are planned. Physical and Digital borrowing at Lacey is almost back to pre-pandemic levels! She also told us that the new bookshelves we ordered should be in by late October, and we are under the \$7,000 budget we set for all the new equipment.

Vice President: Rob distributed a list of Book Place volunteer contact information. He has asked former Sat. volunteer Dolores Mitchell to take over on Monday mornings, along with the other volunteers there for Sort. Currently no Sat. morning Book Place servicing is required, as Community Room is now used for children's activities. Discussion of Book Place volunteer training commenced. Rob and Jane will work on creating training materials.

Treasurer: Larry submitted financial statements for May, June, July and August. He noted that the Operating Expense as % of Revenue dipped in months leading up to June as we had not been spending on operational expenses, but jumped up again in July as we ordered new Book Place equipment.

Book Sales/Book Sorts: Loretta called attention to the upcoming Book Sale (Sept. 29, 30, Oct.1). For this and December Sale, we will continue with Thursday set-up, Friday and Saturday all day sales. We also voted to make masks optional, allow 20 people to shop at a time, and expand their time to 45 minutes in the room. We noted a few community volunteers have helped at recent Book Sales. Most have been students needed Community Service hours. It was proposed and passed that in the New year we will change hours and sale type back to Fri. afternoon, Members Only sale, and all-day Sat., open to public. Hours will change to: Fri. 1:30-5pm; Sat.9:00-5pm. Discussion took place about training new "sort" volunteers. It was agreed that handing off new volunteers to a few experienced "trainers" would take that job off Loretta's plate. It takes many months before most volunteers fully understand the sort, boxing and storage process. Loretta indicated she would be stepping down from leading the Sort/Sale activities at the end of 2023.

Book Place: (see VP report)

Publicity: Jessica updated us on FoLL social media, including a recent feature of President John Grausam. She would like to do more features of various FoLL volunteers and is interested in getting book recommendations from us. She encouraged us to "like" FoLL on our Facebook and other accounts. New signs about Foll

membership, sales and book prices have been created for the Book Place. Also new membership forms, including new pricing, and new bookmarks have been developed.

Membership: A motion was made and passed to increase FoLL membership fees for the new year, 2023. Memberships will be \$10/Individuals; \$20/Family; \$5/Seniors and students; Lifetime individual \$100; Lifetime couple \$150. These rates will cover a single calendar year only (except Lifetime). In addition to supporting the work we do with the library, an added benefit to membership will be access to the Members Only Friday afternoon sales.

Internet Sales: Becky reported we have made approximately \$130 in sales since the books were first listed in April, 2022. Approximately 80 books are posted. She noted that our Biblio site has not been visited since July 4th weekend.

Website: Dennis reported that visits to the website are increasing, including visits to volunteer and membership pages. He and Jessica continue to coordinate in posting stories and FoLL/Library news.

Historian: John asked if we were ready to have the FoLL records from 2019-2021 donated to the Lacey Museum where all previous records have been archived. Proposed and motion passed.

Next Board Meeting: November 9, 2022 in Community Room, Lacey Library.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jane Collins