

Friends of the Lacey Library (FoLL)

Board Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2025

Board Meeting and Annual Volunteer Picnic

Call to Order: John Grausam

Board Members: Sally Fitzgerald, Mary Gardner, Carrie Martin, Kristina Hancock, Gwen Culp, Marian Lemon, Darcy Perry, Melanie Jenner, Becky Russell, Jane Collins, John Grausam.

Guests: Rinae and Jerry Perron, Katie Campbell, Elizabeth Phillips, June Brown, Larry Russell, Loretta Linstad, and John Johns.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May 14th meeting approved.

Library Manager: Manager Kristina presented a brief report. Summer Reading Club started June 1 with over 2,000 signups and 9300 activities!! Software “Beanstack” was used. Tumwater branch has re-opened after re-model to much excitement and praise for the update! The next Lacey re-model meetings with city is scheduled for mid-July. TRL is supporting a new WorkSource called “Opportunity Begins Here” to connect employers to job seekers and more. To begin Fall 2025 in the Hub (Lacey). Library usage for both Lacey and Hawks Prairie continue to grow by over 12% over last year.

Vice President: Rob presented information that one of our shopper’s found a way to use the QR code posted that leads to our website to “purchase” books while in the library! The Olympia Friends are using a QR code/PayPal for daily sales. **After discussion, a proposal to use QR code for Book Place and Hawks Prairie, with a minimum purchase of \$5., was passed.** Dennis will be asked to move the QR code to prominence on our website. We would place a sign and QR code on both cash boxes. The note would say that we accept payment by PayPal. And the QR code would direct buyers to a specific page of our website that gives more information.

Book Sales/Book Sorts: We earned over \$3,000 on last book sale, a record, even though we closed an hour earlier to clean up. We are exploring ways to NOT give so many books directly to Value Village. We will also need to save some books for Hawks Prairie to use during Lacey remodel. We would like to increase donations to other groups such as North Thurston School Dist., WA Prisons, library Friends in Tenino and Yelm, and find other partners. We will close at 4:00 again, so that we can use the next hour to pack up books for these groups, with dedicated volunteers who understand each group’s needs. Then what is left will be boxed for VV. Having a cashier table just for booksellers worked well at last Sale.

Membership: Marian stated we got 21 new Memberships at last sale, plus 6 renewals.

Book Place/Hawks Prairie: Sales are going well at both places.

Publicity: Gwen presented the August Book Sale poster. She will also be making additional signage for both places to include directions for paying by QR code.

Books for Babies: Becky stated she hadn't placed any orders due to being on vacation, but "rescued" 13 like-new donated books saving us approximately \$65.! She also mentioned that having books delivered to her home was risky due to location. Katie volunteered to receive book deliveries.

New Business:

Group discussion about how to pass more of our unsold books along to other groups rather than so many to Value Village.

Next meeting: September 10, 12:15pm. Community Room, Lacey Library

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Collins, Secretary, Friends of the Lacey Library