**Friends of the Lacey Library (FoLL)**

**Board Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2025**

**Call to Order:** John Grausam

**Approval** of January 8, 2025 Minutes. Approved.

**Members Present:** Kristina Hancock; John Grausam; Carrie Martin; Rob Conor; Marian Lemon; Mary Gardner; Sally Fitzgerald; Melanie Jenner; Becky Russell; Dennis Powell, Darcy Perry; and Jane Collins. **Guests:** Dolores Mitchell; Toby Eastbrook.

**Library Manager Report:** New Manager, Kristina Hancock reported that February was Lacey Loves to Read month which was a huge success! Also, the new IMMS system has been implemented withing TRL to efficiently move inventory around the district. Kristina and Lisa Heyerdahl will be our point of contact for questions and interactions between FoLL and the Library staff. Blake will also be available for the next couple of months, but is then transitioning to other duties. She mentioned that the Olympia branch will be closed for 2 weeks, March 24 to April 6, along with Tumwater which is currently closed for several months. Some services are available out of the TRL Service Center. Remodel plans for Lacey are still scheduled for 4th quarter 2025. Discussion about how this might impact our weekly sales and Book Sale dollar totals, and possible mitigation actions we could take. Kristina stated Megan Thomas will coordinate the Summer Reading Program and TRL is asking all Friends groups to participate. Mary Gardner will coordinate for Lacey Friends. Kristina reported that circulation is up, Lacey by 3.4%, and Hawks Prairie by 47%!! Discussion about accommodating patrons to our Book Sales during inclement weather (lining up outside VS in Entry Hallway.)

**Treasurers Report:** Rob presented our February Budget Report. Rob detailed our Internet Sales history for selling special books. It was decided to ask volunteer Tom Cain to take over FoLL Internet Sales on E-Bay for a 50/50 split on sales with Tom covering supplies, shipping and site expenses. The site will note that these books are for sale by FoLL. Payments will be processed through PayPal directly to FoLL. Becky suggested we close out the Special Projects Fund and moving the funds to the Money Market Account. She also mentioned that it had been 13 years since we had been audited. Both of those items were handed to the Budget Committee to review and propose action.

**Membership:** Marian report that we added 14 new members in Nov./Dec.'24, and 27 in Jan./Feb. '25. We have had 51 renewals this year to a total of 454 members (of which 156 are

lifetime members). She explained that memberships bought in Oct./Nov./Dec. of one year are good through the entire following year.

**Book Place:** Mary reported that things are going well at the Book Place. Sales are now averaging over $300 per week. She has made some shelving changes to better display books. She mentioned the need for cookbooks for Salish Middle School project “Cook to Connect”.

**Books for Babies:** Becky reported that she recently purchased 57 books for $211. for the Nurses to share with new Moms/Babies. She shared thank you notes from several recipients of our “overstock” books.

**Book Sales/Book Sorts:** Sally and team reminded us of the April 4,5 Booksale. We have had several really large donations we are sorting in batches. We have had an increase in volunteers for Sorts and Sales. We will continue to offer training and refreshers as needed.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**Next Meeting: May 14, 2025, 12:15 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Collins, Secretary