

Friends of the Lacey Timberland Library

Board Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2026

Call to Order: Sally Fitzgerald, Co-President, called meeting to order at 10:10 am at Beachcrest.

Board Members Present: Sally Fitzgerald, Becky Russell, Larry Russell, Rob Conor, Marian Lemon, Mary Gardner, Melanie Jenner, and Gwen Culp

Guests: Kristina Hancock, Jane Collins, Cathy McAvoy, Loretta Linstad, Rinae Perron, Jerry Elliott, Toby Eastbrook, Jim Pruske

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the May 12, 2026 Board meeting were approved.

Reports:

Lacey Library Manager: Kristina Hancock reviewed the written report she distributed. Key items include: ongoing discussions with NTPS, the City of Lacey and TRL regarding moving the Hawks Prairie Library to the LEAF center; big thanks to Friends who have volunteered to help with SLP signup; the Mason County nominee to the TRL Board has withdrawn which should resolve the issue of unfilled Board positions; the Lacey Library will be increasing funding requests to FOLL for 2027; the new study room is being well utilized; use statistics are higher for May and June 2026 over 2025.

Co-Presidents: Sally Fitzgerald / Carrie Martin – Sally reported on the 5 TRL/Friends zoom meetings with Lily Grant, the TRL Special Projects Coordinator, who is the liaison to the TRL Friends groups. Sally is planning a meeting with some TRL Trustees and the TRL Friends groups in Thurston County in the Fall.

Treasurer: Rob Conor presented a Revised 2026 budget. The 2026 budget had assumed that the Lacey Library would close in September 2026 for 6 to 9 months for a remodel. The remodel has been indefinitely delayed. There are no changes to expenditures; the budgeted revenues are increased based on our 2025 actual income. However, we are not budgeting possible revenue from a grant from the Nisqually Tribe. Larry moved that “that the revised budget be approved”. The motion was adopted. Rob presented the May and June Finance Report. Recent expenses include FOLL website security software updates and a paid Mailchimp email service subscription. Membership revenue this year to date is \$1300. The 3rd quarterly check will be submitted to TRL in July. The WSECU CD has been renewed for 6 months at 3.3%.

Book Place: Mary Gardner reported that the Book Place is doing well. When the volunteers who empty donation bins can’t get into the library until 9, they are having problems getting books boxed and stored in the meeting room before 10 when the room is often booked. The Courtesy Collection doesn’t seem to be getting a lot of use. Kristina will investigate another better location in the library.

Secretary: Gwen Culp noted that the zoom meetings with Lily Grant were interesting and useful. They are an opportunity to hear from TRL, give input and hear from other Friends groups. There will be future monthly zoom meetings.

Publicity: Gwen reported that the next book sale flyer will promote a Saturday Only - Half Price Book sale (except kid's books and mass-market paperbacks). She shared a "I Love My Public Library" bumper sticker from a FVRL Friends group. That Friends group gives them away. The Lacey Friends and other TRL Friends groups could consider similar advertising to support public libraries as TRL gets ready for a levy lid lift election this year or next.

Book Sales / Book Sorts: Sally Fitzgerald, Darcy Perry, Melanie Jenner & Carrie Martin – The next book sale is July 31 and August 1. Sally reported that we are providing books that don't sell to other Friends groups, schools and departments of corrections. Melanie is taking over primary responsibility for the bimonthly book sales. They are looking for another person to work with Melanie as backup.

Membership: Marian Lemon reported 2 new members and 2 renewals since the May Board meeting. Membership activity was low due to the cancellation of the June book sale.

Hawks Prairie: Sally Fitzgerald & Melanie Jenner – Melanie is looking for someone to stock shelves on Wednesdays.

Books for Babies: Becky Russell reported that she bought 194 books for \$851.17. She has \$560 remaining in the budget.

Historian: No report.

Website / Mailchimp: No report.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Meeting Adjourned at 11:08 am.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 12:30 pm at the Lacey Library.