Friends of the Lacey Timberland Library

Board Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2026

Call to Order: Carrie Martin, Co-President, called meeting to order at 12:30pm at the Lacey Library.

Board Members Present: Sally Fitzgerald, Carrie Martin, Becky Russell, Larry Russell, Rob Conor, Mary Gardner, Melanie Jenner, Darcy Perry, Dennis Powell, Jennifer Taft, Gwen Culp

Guests: Kristina Hancock, Nicole Page, Jane Collins, Barb Koch, Ellen Duffy

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the July 7, 2026 Board meeting and August 18, 2026 Special Board meeting were approved.

Reports:

Lacey Library Manager: Kristina Hancock reviewed the written report she distributed. Key items include: the MOU between TRL and FOLs has not been officially rescinded. TRL plans to develop update the MOU with input from the FOLs. Regional Library Managers are making presentations in the communities to provide information about the levy election in November. Checkouts of physical items in July and August increased substantially over last year. TRL, NTPS and the City of Lacey have a draft MOU that would allow the Hawks Prairie Library to move to the NTPS LEAF center.

Co-Presidents: Sally Fitzgerald / Carrie Martin – Sally reported that we received a thank you from the South Sound Reading Foundation for donated books. It has been determined that FOLL can donate money to the Lacey Library for collections. TRL is updating the Friends of the Library Partnership Policy and the FOLs were asked to review it and provide comments. FOLL comments include: there should be no restriction on library staff being FOLL members; TRL Trustees should not be precluded from being FOL members. Jen Taft is taking over as the Book Sales chairperson.

Treasurer: Rob Conor reported that revenue for July and August was approximately $9,000 and FOLL made a $7,500 donation in August to the Yes for Libraries campaign for the TRL Library Lid Lift election in November.

Secretary: Gwen Culp reported sending a thank you note to a FOLL member who upgraded to a Lifetime Membership in August.

Book Sales / Book Sorts: Jen Taft, Sally Fitzgerald, Darcy Perry, Melanie Jenner & Carrie Martin – The next book sale is October 2 and 3. Jen introduced a new volunteer signup sheet for the book sale. Darcy reported on continuing efforts to improve book sort procedures.

Publicity: Gwen distributed drafts of the October 2 and 3 book sale flyer. Featured items this sale include Wrapped Mystery Gift Books, a large collection of JFK books and Native American books.

Membership: Sally reported for Marian Lemon: since the last board meeting, we have 27 new members and 17 renewals.

Book Place: Mary Gardner reported continuing problems getting books removed from donation bins and boxed and stored in the book sale room before 10am when the meeting room is often booked. Also, there's not enough room to store items in the book sale room before a sale. We may have to be more selective about which donations are retained for sales.

Hawks Prairie: Melanie Jenner reported sales were down a bit this summer but seem to have recovered.

Books for Babies: Becky Russell reported that no new books were purchased since the last board meeting. There is $556.25 remaining in the budget.

Website / Mailchimp: Dennis Powell reported he added levy lid lift information to the website and FOLL member email (mailchimp list) last month. He will also add levy information to member emails in September and October.

Unfinished Business:

Ad Hoc Levy Lid Lift Committee report: Gwen reported on a FOL zoom meeting with Pacifica Law Group, Washington State Public Disclosure Commission and EveryLibrary, a nonprofit that helps libraries with elections. The meeting clarified that we are handling the $7,500 donation to the Y4L Campaign correctly. We can talk about the Yes for Libraries Campaign (Y4L) in FOLL Board meetings because we reserve the meeting room just like any other group. We should not have Y4L materials or ask people to vote YES at the October book sale or in book sorts which are in the library building and are for the benefit of the library. We can share Y4L and Vote YES on our social media, website and communications with our members. Everylibrary is working with TRL and reports that they have created a lot of factual materials that have been vetted by the PDC. FOL members can help by going to the Y4L website and signing up to volunteer or donate money and using our own personal contacts in the community to encourage people to connect with Y4L and to Vote YES on the levy election.

New Business:

Board Comments:

Announcements:

Meeting Adjourned at 1:45pm.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 12:30 pm at the Lacey Library.