

Friends of the Town and Country Library (FOL)
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2023

President Joan Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Attendance: Joan Hansen President, Bill Grabarek Treasurer, Pat Schuberg Secretary, Stephanie Butler legal, Aimee Miller Membership and Becky Stock, Jacqui Fountain Director, and Brandi Krall, Library Board Trustee

Absent: Lori Crimmins, Director

Minutes approved by motion Aimee Miller, seconded by Brandi Krall. All present approved the minutes.

Legal:

Bill Grabarek will be resigning his duties as legal agent for the Friends group. Stephanie Butler will take over these duties as soon as possible. Motion was made to change the registered agent from Bill Grabarek to Stephanie Butler by Bill Grabarek, seconded by Jacqui Fountain, all present approved this motion and resolution. Stephanie will review the state filings as a 501c3 and ensure our sales tax ID is active. Bill Grabarek confirmed this is active through April 2025.

Membership: Aimee Miller

Aimee has agreed to chair the membership committee. Robert will continue to maintain the Friends website. Aimee reviewed the membership list and fees to join the Friends group. She will create a new shorter form, suggested 5x7, 2-sided. One side will be information about the goals and mission of the Friends group while the backside will have the membership form to be completed. There is an online form available on the Friend's website, however it is not possible to pay membership due online. Once the membership form is completed, and the \$5.00 fee is paid, a thank you note is sent welcoming the new member.

Treasurer:

As of August 31st, the checkbook balance was \$6,095.43. Recent deposits have come from the May plant sale, \$754, Book Nook \$2333.25, Christmas Book Nook \$765.50, Membership \$150 and Coffee Bar \$117. During this past year, donations have been received from the Chamber \$1000, a miscellaneous \$100.00 and Amazon Smile \$25.66. A motion was made to donate \$3000 to the library as well as \$250 for Youth and Children programming as well as \$250 for adult reach out. Jacqui Fountain made the motion, seconded by Bill Grabarek. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chamber donation provided the library with new paint and lights above the circulation desk.

Annual Activities:

Joan Hansen reviewed this year's highlights and activities including the Plant Sale, Coffee Bar Saturdays, unsold book donations to Better World Books, Book Nook and Elburn Day's special pricing.

Book Nook has been coordinated by Joan Hansen and Jacqui Fountain. The Elburn Days special pricing promotions as well as Christmas books have been popular! Resetting the "Nook" is constant! More help is needed for sorting books, ideas to feature, and refilling stock. Most recently, the Friends received a donation of 20 grocery bags of books. Jacqui has been spending significant time sorting the donations and organizing to add to the Nook over time. She first assesses books for quality, author, and subject.

Christmas book nook begins November 8th

Kaneland Kindergarten registration:

Becky Stock has been working with Dr. Sarah Mumm on books for kindergartners. Dr. Mumm also works with the Lions for Literacy program providing a book to each child as they register. The suggestion was made to add a membership flyer to each book along with a bookmark. Other ideas discussed were reading to a dog, partnering further with Lions for Literacy, and brainstorming where to find cost effective books. Becky Stock will head up this initiative.

Library News:

Brandi Krall shared the board is continuing their search for a new Library director.

Nominations and Elections of Directors and Officers:

- Nominated for President: Joan Hansen
- Nominated for Secretary: Pat Schuberg
- Nominated for Treasurer: Joan Hansen

- Nominated for Directors, 2-year term ending 2025: Bill Grabarek, Joan Hansen, Aimee Miller, and Becky Stock.
- Lori Crimmins has resigned as a director.

Pat Schuberg moved the nominations, Jacqui Fountain seconded, motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 8:03 pm

Joan Hansen motioned, Jacqui Fountain seconded, all approved.

Next Meeting:

- May 16, 2024, 7:00 will be held electronically.
- Annual Membership meeting Thursday, September 5, 2024

Minutes respectfully submitted, Pat Schuberg Secretary of the Board