

Friends of the Town and Country Library (FOL)
Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2024

President Joan Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Attendance: Joan Hansen President, Treasurer, Pat Schuberg Secretary, Becky Stock Director, and Jacqui Fountain Director

Absent: Bill Grabarek Director, Stephanie Butler Legal, Brandi Krall, Library Board Trustee, Aimee Miller Membership

Minutes approved by motion Joan Hansen, seconded by Jacqui Fountain. All present approved the minutes.

Legal: no report

Membership: Aimee Miller

Aimee has agreed to continue as chair of the membership committee. This year we have 18 members in the Friends group. Aimee will be attending the Coffee Bar on 9/14/24 to renew members for the coming year. Membership will continue to be \$5.00 per person.

Treasurer:

As of August 31st, the checkbook balance was \$6,822.72. Recent deposits have come from the May plant sale of \$8,556.00, Book Nook \$2,571.25, Christmas Book Nook \$771.00, Membership \$311.70, and Coffee Bar \$101.

A motion was made to donate \$4,000 to the library as well as \$250 for Youth and Children programming, and \$250 for adult reach out. Pat Schuberg made the motion, seconded by Jacqui Fountain. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual Activities:

Joan Hansen reviewed this year's highlights and activities including the Plant Sale, Coffee Bar Saturdays, Book Nook, and Elburn Day's special pricing at the Book Nook. The FOL is funding Wi-Fi printing in the library for all patrons. The cost is free for the first 10 pages black and white and \$.10 per page for additional and \$.50 for color printing. FOL also sponsored summer reading.

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. The secret of success is a frequent rotating of books on display and continual restocking. This takes 6 days/week! There is a need for more hands to help. Jacqui also finds it helpful to alphabetize the books to help the community find a specific author. The Library staff instituted a book donation policy in July restricting donations to specific hours.

A special donation allowed a "silent auction" of special edition, leather-bound Louis L'Amour books.

Library News:

Per the Library Board minutes, there is a project to remodel some areas such as removing the fireplace. Replacing some benches and furniture will help refresh spaces.

Nominations and Elections of Directors and Officers:

- Nominated for Secretary: Pat Schuberg
- Nominated for Director: Jacqui Fountain

Joan Hansen moved the nominations, Becky Stock seconded, motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 7:38 pm

Joan Hansen motioned, Jacqui Fountain seconded, all approved.

Next Meeting:

- May 15, 2025, 7:00 will be held electronically.
- Annual Membership meeting Thursday, September 4, 2025

Minutes respectfully submitted, Pat Schuberg Secretary of the Board