

Friends Of Oskaloosa Library FOOLs Minutes  
Unapproved – to be reviewed and approved at next meeting

Date: August 7, 2023

Location: Oskaloosa Public Library, 6:00 pm

Meeting Called to Order 6:03pm

Introductions with each attendee stating what they appreciate about the library.

Officers and Members Present

President Margaret Fast, Treasurer Jeannette Hierstein, Co-Treasurer Melinda Dick-Lang, Secretary Carol Snyder, Library Board of Trustees (LBOT) President Doug Bond, LBOT Member Heath Flax, LBOT Member Stephanie Spencer, Library Director Cheryl Sylvester, Members; Jeniffer Trowbridge, Jo Cross, Wayne Sylvester, Tracy Ross, Elmas Bond, Jo Dennett, Lynelle Killinger.

Library Board of Trustees Report

Main discussion was LBOT review of their strategic plan with the Friends of Oskaloosa Library.

Doug Bond presented the Focus Areas and Goals of the Plan that include FOOLs participation. Noting the Mission of Library, FOOLs will partner with Library Board to build on values and community involvement, increasing visibility and advocacy.

Ideas for increasing visibility include bringing our stories and information into our regular community encounters and social media.

Jo Cross noted that increased flyers for the bookstore and events be made available for volunteers to place in more local businesses.

Heath Flax told of accomplishments with families setting up and maintaining the community Story Walks.

El Bond informed that YouTube videos with a short timely book or trivia topic can especially spark younger viewers' attention to the library.

FOOLs will continue to explore fund raising activities to accomplish mutually agreeable library wishes.

Previous Business

- Little Free Library – discussion continued with Jo Cross, Jo Dennett, and Jen Trowbridge volunteering to follow up on possible location at the Oskaloosa Thriftway.

Treasurer Report

- Melinda and Jeannette report current balance of \$6,133. The bookstore continues to provide revenue for regular bank deposits.

- The Plant Sale's \$750 was designated to Summer Reading and continued Library programming. A possible duplicate deposit for this amount was alerted and will be reconciled with the library and the bank.

#### Library Director Report

- FOOLs funding of \$600 for ceiling painting the meeting room and children's room was provided at the library's request.
- FOOLs will help with a Murder Mystery game to be scheduled in October. Tracy offered to help with the event, and Lynette can help with costumes.

#### New Business

- Melinda will represent the FOOLs at the next monthly Board meeting.
- Heath informed us of the school's teacher appreciation day and suggested providing some gifts would remind the teachers of the library and bookstore. Jeannette made the motion to provide five \$5 bookstore gift cards, each in a handmade book bag. Jo Cross seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Next meeting date to be determined.