

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

Date: September 11, 2024

Location: Oskaloosa Public Library, 5:15 pm

Meeting Called to Order 5:15 pm

The May Special Meeting Notes were approved.

Officers and Members Present

President Margaret Fast, Secretary Carol Snyder, Co-Treasurers Jeannette Hierstein & Melinda Dick-Lang, Member Jen Trowbridge, Member Jo Cross

Treasurer's Report

Melinda presented the bank printout showing credits and expenditures. The bookstore remains a vital source of income.

The FOOLs are expecting to receive a Summer Reading report from Sammy that includes the attendance stats as sent to NEKLS, along with program information.

Previous Business

Feather "Books" Flag – Carol following up with print-to-order through local business.

Director's Report

In response to FOOLs offer to help with fall library activities, Sammy emailed that youth events are being contemplated for school's September early release day. A Halloween themed activity will be planned for younger kids. The library acquired an Xbox to increase teen interest in the library.

New Business and Activities

FOOLs to coordinate and cooperate with the Jefferson County Historical Society in sponsoring local author talks. Karl Ramberg, Fran Borin, Emily LeRette (Elliott VanDruff), June Hilbert, and Mabel Caldwell. All have been or will be contacted. Ramberg and LeRette will be at Edmonds Chapel on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. FOOLs will also be publicizing this event.

National Friends of the Library Week – Oct. 20-26<sup>th</sup>. FOOLs have contacted author Fran Borin, Kansas Notable Author, for a Fall or Halloween theme author/book program for adults and seniors. Borin is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 to 3:30 pm.

*Thank you to Friend Melinda for her work with FOOLs book giveaways during local charitable events.*

Holiday Sale will be Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. FOOLs will have a prior clean-up day

Vendors are selected from local artists and crafters who have shown interest in the library and bookstore and create their products from hand. Showcasing needs are considered as space is limited.

Cheryl, aka Mrs. Claus, will be contacted.

FOOLs as potential Salvation Army bell ringers.

Plant Sale will be April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

### FOKL Grant follow-up and Grant Report

Margaret discussed the project and Oct. 1 deadline for report. Accepting responsibility for failure of completion, lessons learned in dealing with contractors, and lack of committee oversight will be described. FOOLs have not yet received the NEKLS attorney's reply to the June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 letter asking for advice, signed by Sammy, Stephanie, and Margaret.

### Action Items

Melinda, as Treasurer, motioned that for future projects or purchase requests of over \$300, a committee of one Board member, the director, and a FOOLs member, approve the request, and receive a report and/or receipts on completion. Jo seconded the motion.

Margaret will check with Sammy on the library's weeding policy and state that the bookstore be given discarded, and donated books not needed for the collection, to determine if they are saleable or to be donated to local agencies or giveaways.

FOOLs will maintain a supply of mailable thank you cards to send to donors, volunteers, and community members as needed.

### Next Meeting

FOOLs will meet again Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 5:15 pm, at the bookstore.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. Carol motioned to adjourn, with Melinda seconding.