

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

Date: May 27, 2024

Location: Oskaloosa Public Library, 2:00 am

Special meeting Called to Order 2:05 pm

Officers and Members Present

President Margaret Fast, Secretary Carol Snyder, Co-Treasurers Jeannette Hierstein & Melinda Dick-Lang, Library Director Sammy Smith, Board of Trustees member Kim Smith, Member Jo Cross, (unable to attend, Margaret as proxy).

New Business

Purpose of meeting to discuss cost overrun for library Children's Room remodeling project.

There was discussion of the recent grant and Plant Sale funds already paid towards Children's Room remodeling project (to date uncompleted). Some Plant Sale money more than grant match could be available to finish the project.

Margaret requested any decisions be by consensus. The group continues to put community needs, stewardship of funds, and good will as priorities, which includes use of local workers and materials. Kim mentioned Board support of FOOLs project, the Board approved up to \$300 for separate YA shelving.

After discussion and some additional information, requests were narrowed down to three items to be produced by the contractor before an additional payment can be made.

1. Job must be completed.
2. Receipts for materials purchases.
3. Hourly labor cost, time expended, including helper.

Library Director Report

Summer Reading sign up begins Saturday at the City Park. Library is set to re-open for walk-in business on May 29th. Sammy will follow up with the three requests to the contractor.

Next Meeting

Mid-June, if necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm. Melinda motioned to adjourn, with Carol seconding.

Addendum: 5/31/2024

After the meeting, by the end of the week, it became clear that the original contractor was not able to complete the project. Community members stepped in to get the children's area operational. The FOOLs officers agreed to use additional funding to pay for some needed materials.