

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

Date: January 29, 2025

Location: Book Fools bookstore, 5:15 pm

Meeting Called to Order 5:15 pm

Officers and Members Present

President Margaret Fast, Secretary Carol Snyder, Treasurer Jeannette Hierstein,  
Newspaper Liaison: Jen Trowbridge, Member: Jo Cross, Board of Trustees: Heath Flax, Doug Bond

Previous Meeting Notes (November 13, 2024)

Margaret reviewed, and the November Meeting Notes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jeanette shared the bank balance. We will look at the totals and expenses at next meeting. Margaret noted the funds brought in by last year's Treats for Sweets bake sale.

Board of Trustees and/or Director's report

Elections were held at the last meeting. Doug Bond continues as President, Heath Flax will be Treasurer, Stephanie Spencer as Secretary.

Some Trustee terms will be up this year and openings for application will appear in the Oskaloosa Independent.

New Year "Business" Review

- FOKL Membership

FOOLs renewed the Friends of Kansas Libraries group membership at the cost of \$25. Jeannette motioned to approve the expense and Jo seconded.

- FOOLs Bylaws

Margaret reviewed the Bylaws, and all agreed no further study or changes are needed.

- Non-Profit Status

FOOLs remain in good standing with state requirements (filed 1/20/23). New to Kansas this year, an Informational Report Due is on 6/15/25 and due every other year after, at a cost of \$80. Margaret explained the report requirements. Jen motioned to release the funds closer to June, and Jeannette seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

- Library Strategic Plan 2022-2027

Margaret and Heath reviewed the Plan, with as still current, emphasizing to continue advocating for the library, and communicating and partnering with FOOLs.

Memorandum of Understanding

The MOU as developed in cooperation with the Board and FOOLs, was reviewed and explained by Heath and Margaret.

- Review comments from Board of Trustees  
Amount of FOOLs fund expenditures requiring agreement of both groups will be \$500. Heath noted we all are working towards Oskaloosa maintaining an active library for the good of all the community.
- Other changes  
Some history of FOOLs was discussed, and best practice to follow within the written understanding are good.  
The process of the library's culled book dispersal was discussed, stressing that Book Fool bookstore remains the designated location.
- Action Item  
Jeannette motioned to approve the MOU as developed in cooperation with the Board and FOOLs. Jo seconded the motion. All voted yes in approval.  
All approved with unanimous vote.  
The MOU was signed by Doug and Margaret. It will be posted on the Friends of the Library web page.

#### Treats for Sweets

The Treats for Sweets bake sale will be Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at the Library in the Meeting Room. Volunteer bakers will be requested, and FOOLs and volunteers will be scheduled. Carol will make flyers and post in town, Facebook, and web page. The library's Silent Auction has been moved to March.

#### Plant Sale

Scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Discuss more at next meeting and informally. Time to start seeds and report plants!

#### New Year / New Ideas

- Author Talks & Adult & Children's Programing  
The library has an Adult Program on decluttering on Feb.20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.  
For all ages, Atlas Programs will be bringing retiles and surprises during Spring Break. FOOLs will continue to collaborate with the Historical Society on interest in local Author Talks.
- Volunteer Opportunities  
The Board will share when help is needed.

Thank you

Thanks go to Tom Foxworthy and Jeannette for installing the new, bright, lighting in the bookstore's front and middle rooms.

Meeting, as agreed on, adjourned after one hour. Meeting ended 6:16 pm.