



FOSL Board Meeting
Minutes
March 22, 2022

Call to Order: Kennon called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

In Attendance: Tammy Baker, Kennon Bowen, Jerry Bryant, Franci Ferguson, Bonnie Goff, Gail Hanger, Karen Landers, Deborah Patton, Joyce Shelenberger, Sarah Skrobis

Guest Speaker: Ali McCue, Public Services Librarian, spoke to the group. Among her job responsibilities are over-seeing the non-fiction section, managing the new telescopes, and co-manages the summer reading program. She also manages 16 employees. The Friends are invited to the first Stargazing event April 6th at 7:30 pm outside the library.

Minutes: The minutes from the February 2022 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Deborah): The treasurer's report was discussed and accepted. Deborah mentioned that, even when purchasing something online, we still need to fill out a check request for her records.

Library Director's Report (Sarah): Sarah has hired a new librarian, Carrie Whitlock, who started March 17, 2022. Library staffing is finally back to normal. The new computers are almost ready to rollout and will hopefully be in place next week. The hours for curbside services have been extended to 7:00 pm Monday-Thursday. Strategic planning is ongoing. A simple survey is being developed for patrons to fill out regarding what they like about the library and what they'd like to see there. Existing data will also be used in the planning. A new program called Story Walk is in the works that the Friends may want to support. It's a program combining literacy and activity.

Library Board: The board is looking at how to break down library renovations into smaller segments. Nothing has been done to the library since 1995. There will be a meeting on April 2nd at 9:00 am to tour the building and talk about possible changes. This meeting is open to the public.

Old Business:

Booksale (Bonnie/Joyce): Joyce presented a revised contract with Light Foot Fulfillment for online bookselling. There was concern about a non-profit organization giving books to a for-profit company and whether that would affect the library's non-profit status. Joyce will check with United for Libraries and/or legal advisors. All the left-over books have been removed from the meeting room and "wind tunnel" area. Bonnie is working to secure the local prisoners to help transport books for the book sale in October. A new volunteer committee was formed to contact members and create a



volunteer list for reference. Sarah will meet with the committee on March 31st at 10:00 am possibly put this online instead.

Newsletter (Franci): Submissions are due by Monday. This will include book collection dates, a blurb on the newsletter going online. Kennon will write about supporting the library and promoting membership into Friends. She will mention lifetime memberships which have recently risen significantly.

Little Lunch Music (Jerry/Joyce): A motion was passed to:

- Purchase carpet and padding for the stage from Smiley's Carpet for approximately \$350.
- Remove the piano (which had been donated in 1997) with the help of Bruce Frank.
- Purchase a new keyboard, stand, bench, and carrying case for \$1,624.

The committee is looking into stage lighting. The library has spotlights with stands that they will look at. Shenan Arts will be sending someone to meet with the committee to advise them on what is needed. There is no report yet on painting the room.

Author's Night: On-going. Could possibly have a local author such as Elizabeth Catte come to the annual meeting.

Scholarship Committee: The board approved awarding a \$2,000 scholarship to Logan Hilbert.

Karen Pugh Honorary: On-going.

New Business:

Audit 2021: Gail Dunn and Joy Ingram will be approached to see if they will participate in the audit.

Membership: Because the newsletter will be going online it is important that member email addresses are current. The volunteer committee will be contacting members for their email addresses.

National Library Week: This event begins April 3rd. The board decided to have a table there representing the Friends with brochures and possibly other give-aways.

The meeting adjourned at 3:28pm. The next meeting is April 26th at 2:00pm.