

Friends of the Yorkville Public Library

October 13, 2025

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order 1015
2. Correspondence None
3. Approval of minutes from the September 2025 meeting Approved
4. Treasurer's Report See Treasurer's Report page.
 - a. We received the letter from the IRS but it had the wrong FY end date. Peggy has faxed a letter to correct.
 - b. Midland Bank is now a corporate sponsor. Their logo is now on our front page with a link to their site. Peggy and Kathi met with the branch manager. They are very eager to help in whatever way they can. It was a very enthusiastic meeting.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Scrapbook: Carolyn Kyle-ongoing
 - b. Hospitality: Bobbe Hahn-nothing
 - c. Publicity: Theresa Eberhardt-advertised the dine to donate fundraiser on social media. Emailed us about how many views our website has. It's not much right now but we are just getting started.
 - d. Volunteer Hours: Nancy Aschauer-231 hours
6. Library Activities
 - a. Shelley Augustine-Shelley is attending the ILA meeting in Rosemont thru Thursday. The new prairie cat app is available for downloading. Sounds like it's much improved over previous versions. LED lighting project is complete. Staff will be conducting CPR, AED and Narcan training. Chair delivery is Wed at 9. Old chairs are going to Hinckley Library. Shelley met with the people from the White Oak Library Foundation who are interested in the Tablescapes fundraiser. They mentioned they have a Bling Bling fundraiser where they sell donated costume jewelry and raise a lot of money. Done over two days and they charge \$5 admission for a sneak peak.
 - b. Mike Curtis-100 Things to do in Illinois attracted 28 people. Hix Brothers event had 77 people. The Steve Burns Event through Illinois Libraries Present was the second highest attended presentation. Marissa Bode from Wicked will be on Oct 21 at 7pm.Halloween Trivia Night is Oct 22 at 6pm. Oct 29th is the Scott Johnson canoe trip, Embracing AI will be on Nov 3.
7. Old Business
 - a. Membership drawing:

- a.i. \$25 Target gift card--Carol Vickery Family
- a.ii. free Lobby Book Sale certificates—Suzanne Zobel
- b. Reminder that today is a dining fundraiser at Maciano's---(We received word on Tuesday that our fundraiser was a HUGE success. Maciano's invited us back anytime.)
- c. October 22 Trivia night team and snacks: who plans on playing, who plans on donating snacks? Sign up sheet went around and we have a team! Also folks will be bringing treats to share. It was decided to use no more than \$50 of our Walmart gift card for additional items.
- d. Update on corporate sponsorship: We now have two. Earthmover CU and Midland Bank. Peggy and Kathi will be at an Community Appreciation Day on the 17th at Midland Bank from 9:30 to 4. They have asked a couple of people stop by to relieve them for lunch or other breaks.
- e. Update on sale of merchandise: Sue Smithmeyer and Sharon Mix—Made \$210 on shirts. Next sale will probably be in Spring to coincide with the next book sale. Our website was changed last night to include a link to Dope Pepper Designs so folks can buy merch anytime.
- f. Update on web page: Lara Owczarski, Theresa Eberhardt, Sharon Mix—The website is up and running. Theresa handled most of the technical stuff to make it easy for Sharon and Lara to post content. The website is mainly to attract new members and make it easier for people to pay membership fees and/or donate. We welcome any feedback. Send to our friends gmail address.
- g. Update on Murder Mystery event: Kathi Bell, Judy Somerlot, Carolyn Kyle, Theresa Eberhardt. Date is tentatively scheduled for Jan 25 at the library. Kathi coordinated with the high school to include the students to be the suspects. See other page for more.
- h. Update on Raffle donations: paused until MiniGolf issue is resolved

8. New Business

- a. Discussion of solicitation of donations via donation box: Kathi brought in a box for donations. It will not be out at children's events. Judy moved to reimburse for the box and put the box out as appropriate at Friends sponsored events. Sue seconds. Vote was approved. Motion carried.
- b. Discussion of MiniGolf fundraising event: This was a very emotional and complicated discussion.
 - b.i. Some points were very clear: This is not a library event. This is a Friends event. The staff is already tapped out with other obligations. Mike is not running the event.
 - b.ii. Other notes: The Friends have moved forward with new fundraising events. There was a suggestion of making it a summer event but people seem to like it on the February Sunday the week before the Super Bowl. Mike has someone who is willing to solicit donations. If anyone is asking for donations or working on the Friends behalf they must be a member. We don't know who these volunteers are and we don't

know what will be asked of the Friends as we get closer to the event. Members are not against mini-golf but skipping one year has been a settled issue for months while we explore new income streams. Members are not happy that the topic was brought up after the meeting was over last month and the majority of people had left when it could have been discussed during the meeting. When we asked around the room if someone wanted to chair the event, there were zero volunteers. There was a disagreement on how much work the chair has to do in the leadup and day of the event. During the meeting, Mike said that he found a volunteer to be the chair. Last year's event brought in approx. \$4200. Mike is concerned about how we replace that along with any federal budget cuts. There was a question of what to do with the raffle. Hold it at the mini-golf event or have the drawing at the book sale in March.

b.iii. Judy motioned to table the mini-golf discussion until we get a report from the chair no later than the Nov meeting. Jay seconds. Motion carried with one Nay.

c. Comments from the floor

9. Volunteering – any news regarding the Mini Food Pantry? Mike met with the Eagle Scout. Right now things are on hold due to scheduling conflicts. We probably won't see anything until Jan.

a. Lobby Used Book Sale

a.i. October: Kathy Brady

a.ii. November: Carolyn Kyle

b. Kendall County Obituaries

b.i. October: Kathy Brady

b.ii. November: Kathy Brady

10. Next meeting: November 10, 2025 at 10:15 a.m.

11. Adjournment 1157

12. Attendance: Kathi Bell, Jay Githens, Peggy Doud, Lara Owczarski, Ronda Githens, Sharon Mix, Sue Smithmeyer, Kathy Brady, Bobbe Hahn, Cheryl Knox, Theresa Eberhardt, Judy Somerlot, Kathryn Murphy.