

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
11-17-2025
4:30 Library Board Room

Call to order at 4:30. Attendance: Shelley Augustine, John Schwartz, Laura Crawford, Kathi Bell, Jay Githens, Peggy Doud, Lara Owczarski

-Introduction of new Friends officers. Last board meeting in April was the transition to the new officers so reintroduction was done.

-Minutes from previous meeting in April were reviewed. Peggy motioned to approve minutes as is. Jay seconded. Approved.

-Report from Friends of the Library. President Kathi Bell put forward a report on what the Friends have done since last meeting. See attached.

--highlights

--include our improved communication. All were accomplished in house.

---new email address. friendsofyorkvillelibrary@gmail.com

---new website: <https://friendsofyorkvillelibrary.com/>

---new trifold brochures

--tremendous response to one day book sale in Sept. Next one is in March.

--plenty of leftover books to try to sell again in March

-Peggy talked about the fundraising comparison between previous years and this year so far. We have a small shortfall but we still have a few events left this FY. See attached.

-Peggy also put forward the treasurer's report from May 1 – Oct 30, 2025. See attached.

--Still waiting on sales tax exemption and the correction of the inaccurate fiscal year.

--We will probably not purchase beads for the 4th of July parade next year. They were expensive and didn't say anything about who we are. Plus the colors bled on skin and clothes. We had a member put forward the idea of crayons and small book mark to giveaway.

Old Business-None

New Business

-Shelley talked about the new Prairie Cat App: Connect with your library right from your device - search the catalog, manage your account, place holds, renew materials, access digital resources, view events and library information, store digital library cards, get library notifications, and more.

-Planning has started for local events for next year's Semiquincentennial. More to come.

-Shelley is asking for Friends to take on a bigger role in Tablescape which is currently scheduled for April 11, 2026. Sue Smithmeyer attended the first meeting this past week. More non-profits are needed to set up tables in order for this event to be successful.

-New chairs were unpacked by Friends in less than an hour saving the library \$1800 in vendor costs. The new chairs are much better than the old. They are lighter and are able to be stacked higher than previous. Some of the old chairs were donated to Hinckley Library.

Input from the Board

-Very pleased with the new officers. Not usual to change out all at once but this team has worked well with a lot of new ideas and new energy.

Next meeting is March 23, 2026 at 4:30 in the Library Board Room

Adjourned 5:10