

# Friends of the Yorkville Public Library

February 9, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Kathi Bell, Jay Githens, Peggy Doud, Lara Owczarski, Sue Smithmeyer, Sharon Mix, Bobbe Hahn, Ronda Githens, Cheryl Knox, Carolyn Kyle, Nancy Aschauer, Lorna Macordes, Beth Milheron. (Don't forget to sign in at each meeting even if you don't have any volunteer hours to report.)

1. Call to order: 1015
2. Correspondence: Lara had a nice email commending Kathi Bell for all the hard work she did on the murder mystery and what a great success it was.
3. Approval of minutes from the January 2026 meeting – Lara will be away in March; we need a volunteer to take minutes. Sharon has volunteered. Approval of minutes from January. Carolyn motioned, Jay seconded. All approved.
4. Treasurer's Report – update on Google phone number for business purposes. Lara was going to put the google voice under her name but because she's already had a google voice number, she can't get another even though the original isn't active anymore. Peggy is going to try signing up with an alternate number to see if it works.
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Scrapbook: Carolyn Kyle—ongoing.
  - b. Hospitality: Bobbe Hahn—none this month.
  - c. Publicity: Theresa Eberhardt—not available.
  - d. Volunteer Hours: Nancy Aschauer – 172.5 hours  
*Please contact Nancy at 630 768 9744 with your volunteer hours if you can't attend the meeting*
  - e. Membership updates—Welcome to our newest member Beth Milheron!
6. Library Activities
  - a. Shelley Augustine--
    - a.i. The second student from COD will be coming to the library to do her practicum.
    - a.ii. The library will not be involved in any discussion on the Y115 school levy.
    - a.iii. Shelley is working on individual development plans for all full time staff.
    - a.iv. Kendall County has identified their three health priorities over the next five years: Behavioral health and substance abuse, food security, maternal and child health.
  - b. Mike Curtis--
    - b.i. Food pantry has been approved by the Scouts and they are working on fundraising.
    - b.ii. In honor of the 250 celebration this year, Mike is collaborating with other area libraries to coordinate a booklet highlighting events this summer, similar to the library road trip.
    - b.iii. There will be multiple patriotic themed events at YPL this summer: Movie Monday's will have movies such as The American President and Mr. Smith Goes to Washington.

Suzanne Zobel will host a talk on Betsy Ross in July and making corn husk dolls in Aug.

b.iv. Bethany's cooking class is taking a break. Mike is looking into alternatives.

## 7. Old Business

- a. Update on Valentine's Day treats for library staff: Sue's got it.
- b. Update on Mini Food Pantry: See above.
- c. Update on Murder Mystery event—See attached.
- d. Update on March Used Book Sale—Sharon will be having a meeting on Wed, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am with people interested in taking over the next UBS. We could always use more volunteers. Please contact Bobbe: quiltrh@comcast.net
- e. Update on Spring Basket Raffle—See attached.
- f. Further discussion (as recommended by the Board of Directors) on Article V, Section 1, of the Bylaws: *The officers of the Organization shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer who shall be elected for a term of one year.* Should we consider revising the terms of office? --We are going to work on a plan to change the terms of the officers to two years. Both the President and Treasurer expressed the opinion that it takes a while to grasp the intricacies of the job. We will also split the elections so not all four officers are up at once. Even years we will be voting on President and VP, odd years we will be voting on secretary and treasurer. Kathi and Jay have both expressed an interest in staying on an extra year to make this work. As it stands, Kathi as Pres. and Jay as VP will be in their positions from May 2025-May 2028. Peggy as treasurer and Lara as secretary will be in their positions from May 2025-May 2027.

## 8. New Business

- a. Dining fundraiser: is it time for another one? Yes. Jay is going to check Maciano's again.
- b. Donation box: are Friends willing to put the box out and store it again at functions they attend? Yes.
- c. Comments from the floor: None
- d. Mini-Golf: The funds raised by MG were matched or exceeded by the new events of the murder mystery, the dining fundraiser and the Sept book sale. Kathi reviewed many notes on mini golf over the years. It's a very dynamic event and rarely are two years the same. The raffle baskets have been separated out of the MG event and tickets go on sale tomorrow. Any incoming chair or co-chairs for MG will not have any responsibility for the baskets. If you have any ideas or if you have questions about chairing the event, please contact Kathi.

## 9. Volunteering

- a. Lobby Used Book Sale
  - a.i. February: Sharon Mix
  - a.ii. March: Bobbe Hahn
- b. Kendall County Obituaries
  - b.i. February: Nancy Aschauer
  - b.ii. March: Sands Uridil

10. Next meeting: March 9, 2026 at 10:15 a.m.

11. Adjournment: 11:28