

**Friends of the LRW Library, Inc.**  
**Wednesday, November 8, 2017 – Community Room**  
**Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance**

Executive Board: Natalie Harbeson (President), Brian Wood (Vice President, JoAnn Cromwell (Secretary)  
Advisory Board: Nora Bassell, Terri Buganski, Phil DesJardins, Eileen Ferris, Daryl Googel, Kaat Harbeson,  
Ann Marino, Mary Ellen Procko, Linda Therriault, Anita Wilson  
Library Staff: Karen Benner (Assistant Director)  
Absent: Mary Wood and Lisa Masten

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by President Natalie Harbeson.

Secretary's Report – The October minutes were accepted for file with the following corrections; Linda Therriault was in attendance. ACLB is looking for new members, not FOCL. Book titles should be underlined or italicized.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Presented the Treasurer's Report which was accepted for file. The Fall 2017 book sale was up from 2016. Two teachers took advantage of free children's books for their classrooms. Ferrari's also picked up books to donate to Savers as a fundraiser.

President's Report – NR

Vice President's Report – Brian expressed his concern over the State Budget as it applies to libraries.

Assistant Director's Report – Jennifer Haigh arrived at the library on October 20 to talk to patrons about her book *Heat and Light*. She was an excellent speaker, sharing her background of growing up in a Western Pennsylvania coal town. Her story was fascinating and she mesmerized attendees when she read excerpts from her book. All thoroughly enjoyed her presentation! 50 people attended, the date change may have affected attendance. George G. Hanel series: The Cat's Pajamas – Nov 5<sup>th</sup> @ Martin Kellogg. Update to the webpage – LRW Logo, new banner & buttons. Hour of Code – tentatively Dec 1 – meeting with Director of Educational Technology next week to talk about this and the SMART bus. Budget – Getting ready to start our budget season, Lisa received budget instructions at the last town department heads meeting indicating a 0% increase. Programs: Brown Bag It with a Documentary Series – Amazing Individuals – four films that feature individuals who have had amazing accomplishments! Tuesdays at Noon in November. Expanding our Movies & More Series to include trivia and related materials. Local Authors Get Together – So You Wrote a Book Now What? Tuesday, November 14 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. with Matthew Dicks – talk about marketing and publishing. Teens have a new program series titled *Teen Lazy Lounge*, Which is a little bit of everything, games, drawing, hanging out. First one was Tues Nov 7. Children's had *Turkey Tuesday* yesterday where kids were invited to listen to a turkey story, make a turkey craft and sample a Thanksgiving treat!

Old Business – Excess funds see explanation under New Business. Natalie is collecting Items to use for repairing teddy bears at the Teddy Bear Clinic in December. Natalie is completing the application for those attending the FOCL Annual Conference. Natalie will send an email looking for one more member to the Nominating Committee.

New Business – Desserts Ever After are working with the Children’s Theater on a fundraiser on April 8, 2018. We have \$23,682.71 in excess funds for the Library’s wish list; cords/ adapters for devices, air quality monitors, video recording ??? (I forgot the rest). Motion to approve these expenses was made by JoAnn, seconded by Daryl. Approved. Wild Apricots software is updated on website.

#### Committee Reports

Book Sale – See Treasurer’s report.

Business Showcase is April 21, 2018

Election Day – Kathleen

Friends’ Corner – Fred will pick up the bookcase soon.

Hospitality – We agree to have snacks at meetings. No sign up sheet.

Mailing –15 volunteers completed the mailing in 45 minutes. Four coffees were consumed.

Membership – Ann picked up many renewals.

Publicity – Daryl Googel distributed book sale flyers around town.

Social Media – There have been 479 likes on FB.

Website – Terri and Natalie will put Wine & Cheese event on website.

Wine & Cheese Social – January 19, 2018. Tickets are available. Terri will make a sample basket for in house advertising. Extra help will be needed on that night, especially in the food area. All unsold tickets should be returned the week before the event.

FOCL conference is November 18. 2017

Adjournment – Linda motioned, Kaat seconded we adjourn. Adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectively submitted,

JoAnn Cromwell

Secretary

