

Friends of the Angie W. Cox Library

April 14, 2025

Meeting was called to order by vice president Judy Skaar, due to Tom's absence.

Present: Kristina McGuire, Troy Becker, Brenda Miller, Jane Bartels, Judy Skaar, Ginny McNeal, Tina McElroy, Tina Iyama-Kurtycz, Betty Reiter, Lee Cantillon, Kim Campnell.

Guests: Aaron Smith

Treasurer's Report: Troy distributed the report. One disbursement was for a 3-month ad in the Columbia Shopper. Marketplace, membership dues and purchases of the 100th anniversary mugs added to the balance, which was \$4758.35. There are still more than 50 mugs to sell.

Moved by Betty and seconded by Lee to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Membership report: As previously stated, membership renewals and one lifetime membership were received.

Secretary's Report: Cheryl sent minutes from March. Moved to approve by Tina Mc with a second from Tina IK.

Library Report: Kristina reported on the Spring Reading Challenge Bingo for both adults and children. Mitzi's upcoming card class is Cards for Dudes. Julie Saalsaa gave a workshop on Tea showing attendees how to choose combination teas and steep them correctly. Mainly Crafts is also happening, along with Essentrics, Yoga, Pre-school and School Age Children's time and Quilt Along. There will be an author visit on May 10 at 10:00 am. Christopher Slusar wrote a history of fishing lures. And there's even one called the Pardeeville Jiggler! Suggestions for snacks were voiced by many: Swedish fish, gummy worms, goldfish crackers.

Old Business: Aaron spoke about the Easter Egg Hunt which took place on April 12. There were about 40 kids who came. It went off without a hitch. The Easter Bunny was very popular and kids loved the photo opportunities. However, some suggestions were made to purchase larger eggs for 2026 as the candies didn't fit into smaller eggs. Discussion took place about whether kids should have either a stuffed bunny or a basket- not both. So next year only one 'golden' egg per child. The stuffed bunnies were made and donated by Tracy St Claire and the kids loved them. We thanked Aaron for getting the candy and his help at the hunt. Kristina will also send a thank you note to Tracy St. Claire and the photographer.

We also discussed the upcoming Book Sale on April 26 during the Spring Fling. Judy reported that the books are almost ready. 100th Anniversary mugs will also be for sale that day. A discussion ensued concerning 'Blind Bags'. It was decided to have Emma make up ten Blind Bags for \$5 each. Two more volunteers were needed around noon to help at the sale. Judy sent around a signup sheet.

New Business: none at this time

Library Board Update: Ginny reported that the second reading of the library's bylaws took place. It was, to say the least, interesting. Memorial Music Boards to honor Margo Pufahl are being considered. They would join the storyboards already in place on the library lawn. We will ask the Endowment Board to split the cost of them.

County Board Update: Betty reported that the Strategic Plan update is continuing. Library Tours of Columbia County libraries are happening. Visitors will get cards and for each library they visit, they will get a chance to win one of the gift baskets which are at each library. We were encouraged to visit the Wisconsin Dells library as people who have gone describe it as beautiful. Portage Area Workforce & Services Connection (PAWS) program provides awareness of programs and services which are available to people. Betty also announced that her term is up the end of April. The County Board representative gets \$45 per meeting and mileage. There are 6 meetings per year.

No Endowment Board update.

Agenda item for May meeting: Annual Spending Plan

Next meeting is Monday, May 12, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned.