

F.E.P.L.S. BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Friday, March 7, 2025

Meeting called to order at 12:03 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Serazin, Maggie LeGlise, Maggie Savoy, Janet Woconish, Chris Laubenthal

OTHER PRESENT: Jennifer Starkey, Terri Miller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Maggie LeGlise moved to accept the Minutes from February 7, 2025; Janet Woconish seconded, and the motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- 1) Jen Harmon requests items for newsletter to be submitted no later than Friday, March 14.
- 2) Kickoff for the Summer Reading Program is on Tuesday, May 27, at Central Library. There were 180 visitors at last year's kick-off. This year's theme is "Color Our World". Maggie LeGlise and Chris Laubenthal are the Friends' volunteers for the event.
- 3) Should the library start to bring discarded books for the book sale?
- 4) Tammy from the library requests replacement of favorite used books. Come once a month for review?
- 5) Jennifer Starkey is keeping an eye out on state budget for library services and education.
- 6) Renovation is progressing with a nature theme of the Children's Room. June 4 is the slated ribbon-cutting and first story time.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- 1) The Treasurer's Report from February 7, 2025 was accepted.
- 2) Maggie LeGlise requested reimbursement of \$60.00 for gift cards given to library employees who helped with the Book Sale. Maggie Savoy made the motion for reimbursement, Janet Woconish seconded, and the motion passed.
- 3) Maggie LeGlise requested a new Lifetime Membership Plaque with new tags. Cost is \$200 from Midway Trophies.
- 4) Maggie LeGlise proposed to fund the Friends' Community Foundation account when funds are available. Currently, the Friends' account balance is \$130,000 with a \$7,500 contribution this year. The goal is to grow the investment to \$150,000. Janet Woconish made the motion to grant reinvestment of approximately \$5,000 to grow the Friends' Foundation account; Maggie Savoy seconded, and motion passed.
- 5) The 2024 tax return is to be completed.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

A tentative calendar of 2025 FEPLS events will be reviewed at next meeting. The Annual Meeting is tentatively set for early June.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- 1) Scott Serazin invited Becky Voit to present advertising ideas for the annual Book Sale.
- 2) The following members will form a committee to review and revise the F.E.P.L.S. By-Laws: Scott Serazin, Celeste Brias, Maggie LeGlise, and Janet Woconish.

NEW BUSINESS:

Becky Voit is the retired Public Information Officer for Lorain County Metro Parks. Her presentation suggested the following advertising means:

- 1) public service announcements: a) start in early September; b) send to Media List on file with library; c) promote the library
- 2) Some of the media suggestions: a) LorainCounty.com; b) Senior Years (Office on Aging);

- 3) c) Rural Urban; d) OBL/WEOL (North Coast Conversation); e) flyers at libraries; f) email blast/Instagram
- 4) Signage
- 5) Perpetual Book Sale at Central and West River locations.

Jane Leavell's Fan Fiction will be displayed at the Book Sale

Maggie LeGlise moved to adjourn the Board Meeting at 1:21 p.m., Janet Woconish seconded, and motion passed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Friday, April 11, 2025, at 12:00.
NEXT BOOK DONATION: Friday, April 25, 2025, 1:00-3:00
BOOK SALE: October 10-12, 2025