

**Farnsworth Public Library  
Meeting Minutes  
for  
May 23, 2023**

**1. Meeting called to order** by Kitty Werner, President, at 6:01 PM

**2. Roll Call**

**Trustees Present:**

Kevin Huggett, Mary Grace Murphy, Amy Peterson, Ron Rauscher, Debi Schroeder,  
Kitty Werner, Mike Werner, Bonnie Wusterbarth

**Trustees Absent:** Patsy Bake

**Guests:** Chris Augustine, Representative Town of Little Suamico; Tom Bitters, Representative of  
Town of Oconto

**3. Approval of Agenda**

M/S/C R. Rauscher/M. Werner to approve the agenda for today's meeting.

**4. Approve April 25, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**

M/S/C M. Murphy/ B. Wusterbarth to approve the April 25, 2023 meeting minutes

**5. Bills and Expenditures**

**a. Bills Submitted for May 5, 2023**

Kitty recommends the documents are to be treated as information.

**b. YTD Income & Expenditures**

The 2023 YTD documents are to be treated as information.

**6. Director's Report**

**Amy Peterson, Library Director reported to the Board of Trustees...**

What we worked on since last Board meeting

1. I was on WOCO on May 2.
2. Attended Oconto Chamber of Commerce meeting in May
3. Updates to website-should be up and running by end of this week.
4. Prepping, with Amanda for 3 summer school classes for June 12-23
5. New Brain Connection Book Club with ADRC starting in June
6. Infosoup Library Road trip booklet- started May 1
7. Rummage sale maps -collecting info for those, will be printed by Oconto County Economic Development
8. Installing wireless doorbells on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor for staff safety

9. Made 3 Library history signs for Stanley Toys, Farnsworth and Ellis portraits and the Edna Damkoehler painting of Christian Science Church
10. Applied for a grant with the WILs organization.

Coming up:

1. Updating all library policies
2. We were picked for a Summer Math Program from the Wisconsin Mathematics Council – more details to come.
3. June 8 – Chalk It Up
4. June 10- Friends selling candy bars and water before and during Copperfest parade
5. June 28- Composing and Upcycling workshop with Brook of Forest to Brook Enrichment Education Services, Abrams.
6. Craft/Info tables at Tunes on Tuesdays (June 20-August 8), Waterfest (July 3), Little River Pancake Breakfast (July 7),
7. Einstein truck here on July 21 and August 8
8. Possible Stories on the Steps of Beyer Home, Tuesdays at 5:30 – waiting for okay from Historical Society. They meet on Thursday, May 25
9. July 28- Call of the Wild program at Holtwood Sports Complex Lions Pavilion (Nicolet grant funded)
10. August 4 Dinosaur Dimensions performance (Nicolet grant funded)
11. Friends Used Book Sale starts September 23 – will be open for Harvest Fest.
12. Hands on Deck teaching kids about boat safety and skills

## **7. Committee Reports**

### **a. Administrative/Personnel**

Nothing to report

### **b. Building / Grounds**

LaForce came to look to at the door knob for the back door. The fans for the bathrooms are not yet repaired. Ron has been trying to get a piece of framing for the back door.

### **c. Finance**

Nothing to report

## **8. Correspondence/Public Input**

None to report

## **9. Discussion/action/recommendation on the following:**

### **a. Recurring**

#### **i. Friends Happenings**

The Friends met on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. The Book Sale was a success! \$818.80 was the final total of all sales. Amanda recapped activities for April and May and Amy shared summer plans and events. The next meeting of the Friends will be Wednesday, September

13<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. The Fall Book Sale date was set. September 22, the Preview Sale for all Friends members and opening day for the public on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9 to noon, same day as the Harvest Fest. The Book Sale will run until October 7<sup>th</sup>. The Friends purchased bean bag chairs for the teens section.

**b. Old Business**

None

**c. New Business**

**i. Library Website**

Library website is up and running.

**ii. Landscaping**

Amy is going to ask the City to do some work on the landscaping around the library.

**iii. Town of Little Suamico – Chris Augustine**

Chris Augustine, as a representative of the Town of Little Suamico, presented to the Trustees a proposal for a joint library system with Farnsworth Public Library.

**iv. Rental of outside spaces**

U.S. Cellular asked if they could rent a parking space to sell their cellular services. M/S/C M. Werner/ R. Rauscher to deny this request.

**v. June Board Meeting**

Discussion held. Date to be Determined

**10. Adjournment**

Adjournment took place at 7:01 PM, M/S/CM. R.Rauscher/B. Wusterbarth

**Minutes respectfully submitted by secretary, Debi Schroeder**

**Next Meeting: To Be Determined**