

Minutes
WMLF Board Meeting
April 22, 2025

Present:

McKensie Avens, Chair Cody Long, (newly elected) Vice Chair
Barbara Bravo, Treasurer Bill Ehrlich, Board Director
Christine Coffield, Board Director Darilyn Berg, Board Director
Demian Ryder, (newly elected) Board Director

1. **Call to order:** McKensie called the meeting to order at 5:35pm. (Meeting was originally set for the 3rd Thursday, the 17th, but due to attendance not qualifying for our quorum, we rescheduled for Tuesday the 22nd.)

2. **Approval of 3/12/25 Minutes:** Last month's minutes were approved upon a motion by Bill and was seconded by Cody, unanimously approved.

3. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Treasurer's Report:** \$5899.19 in the bank. After book sale, \$1654.11 made in sales, \$85 donated, 13 memberships = \$290 for a total of \$2,029.11. Now there's \$7928.30 in that account. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Bill, Christine seconded, unanimously approved.
 - b. **Librarian's Report:** Kim was unable to attend but had sent an email with a breakdown for some SRP costs that need to be added for approval. Report from Kim stated what inventory we needed to acquire for Kickoff lunch (Monday, June 2nd) and that the bounce house would cost \$150 and canvas for Teen SRP events would be \$24. Barb said we spent about \$467 last year on food so we rounded to \$500 to estimate for this year. Given these numbers, the board decided to approve \$700 to cover the costs requested by Kim along with food costs to be purchased by Barb. Motion to approve made by Darilyn, with a second from Bill, unanimously approved.

4. Old Business

- a. **Record Interim Vote(s):** On Friday, March 14th McKensie sent an email to the board to receive confirmation on pricing for WMLF stickers and magnets. Production costs were requested in order to determine selling price and that info was provided. After review, the board decided to sell stickers for \$1.00 and magnets for \$1.50. Motion to approve from Cody and seconded by Christine, unanimously approved.
- b. **Booksale wrap-up info:** McKensie gave a huge thank you to the board for pulling off such a successful book sale this year! To emphasize the strides this makes, we made approx. \$1,600 this year in direct proceeds (\$1,035.20 coming from Saturday alone) which is more than the total book sale profits from 2024 which were \$846.80. We *doubled* our profits from last year, great job everyone! Darilyn had the dandy suggestion for next year that we put “Cash (or check) only” on next year’s fliers - this was met with agreement from most all.

5. New Business

- a. **New Board Member/Member Appointment:** Demian Ryder, who was present at our March meeting and helped with book sale set up, was elected to the Friends board tonight. Christine made a motion to elect Demian to the board and this was seconded by Cody, was unanimously approved.
- b. **2026 Book sale date decision:** After discussion for book sale dates for next year, we decided to have our book sale the first weekend in May. This would be Friday, May 1st as set up, and our weekend kickoff as Saturday, May 2nd and Sunday, May 3rd. Motion to approve these dates made by Cody and seconded by Bill, unanimously approved.
- c. **Book signing inquiry:** Heather informed us of an author who is wanting to have a book signing at WML hosted by us. This would be sometime between May 22nd and May 24th. After discussion of this event and what it entails, the board has requested further info regarding presentation. McKensie will reach out to Heather to inquire and will get back to the board ASAP.

d. Miscellaneous

- i. Heather sent a funds request to the board to cover the cost of necessary network upgrades for the library. This estimate from Triad runs at \$2,094.75. Barb brought up that if any of this may be for the kids or Teen section, we may be able to cover it from the Matt Niklos fund. McKensie will reach out to Heather tomorrow to inquire about this. Once she has this info she will reach back out to the board for a vote as this needs to be voted on ASAP.
- ii. McKensie made mention again that the positions of Vice Chair and Secretary are still open. Cody announced his willingness and interest in filling the office of Vice Chair. As all felt this was a good fit, Cody was elected to Vice Chair. The motion was made by Bill and seconded by Christine, resoundingly unanimously approved.
- iii. Looking into different free online donation/fundraiser options for the Friends to utilize, McKensie found a few for everyone to look into. The one that looks most promising at the moment is Zeffy, then Give Lively, and perhaps Give Butter as a third alternate option. McKensie has asked the board to look at these and see what they think about these and if we want to move forward with this, which avenue we'd want to pursue.
- iv. McKensie emphasized that the board needs to take a serious look at implementing a second fundraiser through the course of the year. As we'd like to start being more active with National Friends of the Library, perhaps we combine the two efforts and utilize that week to implement a type of fundraising. Something to ruminant on for May's meeting.

6. **Adjourn:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm

7. Dates to Remember:

- a. **May 3rd - WMLF booth at the City Park pop-up event.**
- b. **May 15th - Next meeting, 5:30pm through Google Meet.**

Respectfully submitted,

McKensie Avens

Addendum to the minutes: Wednesday, April 23rd McKensie sent a text asking if the board would approve having a booth at the vendor pop-up event in City Park on Saturday, May 3rd. It is an event that is free to have a booth at, so there is no monetary cost to the Friends. Board approved this event. We'll have a booth with our brochures and then we can sell stickers and magnets while we're there.