

Friends of the Wescott Library

MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2024

The Friends of the Wescott Library is ...dedicated to the assistance of the Wescott Branch of the Dakota County Library System in its mission to support lifelong learning for county residents of all ages.

Call to Order: 6:31 pm

Members Present

John Elliott, Ann Dixon (on line), Karen Gauthier, Kathy Kletscher, Nancy Lamers, Julie Mulligan, Kay Wernecke

Members Not Present

Robin Jones, Mandi Lancette, Connie Powel

Wescott Library Liaison

Amanda Feist, Branch Manager

Guests

Jennifer Reichert Simpson, Deputy Director, Dakota County Library System

Summer Reading Program

Thank you to the Friends for all you do and have done to support the Wescott Library

During the 2023 summer reading program 3,356 books were handed out at Wescott; a 14% increase over the 2022 program. System-wide the library distributed more than 16,000 books to youth at all library locations.

The summer 2024 program will increase outreach in partnership with Dakota County Community Development Agency; and Open Door at some food events.

Secretary Report – Nancy Lamers

There were no minutes of the January 2024 meeting (secretary was absent). January minutes are moved to the May 2024 meeting.

Treasurer Report – Julie Mulligan

Current budget

Balance on Hand as of 1/08/2024:	\$ 48,673.33
Current Income:	\$ 284.76
Current Expenses:	\$ 5,572.00
Less allocated funds:	\$ (17,779.54)
Current available funds 03/18/24:	\$ 25,606.55

The motion made by Kay, seconded by Karen, to approve the Treasurer's March 2024 report was unanimously approved.

Book Sale revenue:	Fall 2023	\$7,644.45
	Spring 2023	\$6,640.83
	Fall 2022	\$6,314.73
	Spring 2022	\$7,191.65
	Fall 2021	\$5,368.96

Publicity, Marketing – Karen Gauthier

- Marketing campaign for Spring Book Sale will include advertising in local papers, Craig's List, and a website used by book re-sellers.
- Newsletter's Spring edition complete

Membership Report – Kathy Kletscher

Memberships as of March 2024

Student	2
Individual	124
Family	20
<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>12</u>
Total	158

Book Sale – Submitted by Kay Werneke

- Book prices are increased with this sale, including \$5.00 bag sale

Wescott Branch Report – Amanda Feist

Amanda's update:

- Public Art. Wescott displayed the piece Fowl Play by Tim Adams 2022 through June 2024. Wescott Library receives a new outdoor display piece Fanflare by Gail Katz-James to be displayed June 2024 through June 2026.
- Wescott Library hosts a Summer Discovery Reading kick-off event June 13, 1-3pm in the parking lot. The celebration features free snowcones.
- The Dakota County Library System is fine free. However, customers will be charged for damaged or lost materials.
- Participation increased in the Wescott Winter Reads program, January 7 – February 24, with 121 in-person participants and 57 online participants. A display of books recommended by Winter Readers had 120+ books checked out.

Old Business – John Elliott

None

New Business – John Elliott

Funding Requests

- The motion made by Kathy, seconded by Kay, to authorize \$ 3,500.00 for the 2024 summer reading program was unanimously approved.
- The motion made by Kay, seconded by Ann, to authorize \$1,000.00 for the two year artist stipend was unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:36 pm

NEXT MEETING: MAY 13, 2024

Board Meeting Dates:

2024: May 13

Book Sale Dates

2024: Spring April 7-14; Fall October 6 - 13, 2024

**Friends of the Wescott Library
Meeting Agenda
March 18, 2024 6:30 p.m.**

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Call to Order and Welcome

John Elliott

Summer Discovery funding request

Deputy Director Jen Reichert Simpson

Secretary's Report

Nancy Lamers

Treasurer's Report

Julie Mulligan

Marketing Report

Karen Gauthier

Membership Report

Kathy Kletcher

Committee Reports

Booksale

Kay Wernecke

**Wescott Branch Report and Funding Requests
Old Business**

Amanda Feist

**New Business
Adjourn**

2023-2024 Board Meeting Dates

Sept 11, 2023

Nov 13, 2023

Jan 8, 2024

Mar 18, 2024

May 13, 2024 – Annual Meeting