

Friends of the Wescott Library

MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 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: 6:32 pm

Members Present

John Elliott, Kathy Kletscher, Nancy Lamers, Julie Mulligan, Kay Wernecke

Members Not Present

Ann Dixon, Karen Gauthier, Robin Jones, Mandi Lancette

Wescott Library Liaison

Amanda Feist, Branch Manager

Guests

Secretary Report – Nancy Lamers

The motion made by Kathy, seconded by Julie, to approve May 13, 2024 Annual Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report – Julie Mulligan

Current budget

Balance on Hand as of 04/30/2024: \$ 51,180.76

Current Income: \$ 817.08

Current Expenses: \$ 9,362.52

Less allocated funds: \$ (17,790.03)

Current available funds 09/09/24: \$ 24,845.29

The motion made by Kay, seconded by Nancy, to approve Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Book Sale revenue:	Spring 2024	\$9,286.36
	Fall 2023	\$7,644.45
	Spring 2023	\$6,640.83
	Fall 2022	\$6,314.73
	Spring 2022	\$7,191.65

Publicity, Marketing – Kathy Kletscher, Interim VP

Fall newsletter is nearly ready to publish

Friends Presence at Library events

- Purchased a tent for Friends booth/table at outdoor events.
- Staffed Friends tent/table at Library events (e.g., Summer Discovery Kickoff, Marcie Rendon/author programs).
- Building a relationship with the Hy-Vee Eagan store.
- Requested the Hy-Vee Eagan store's donation and delivery of refreshments to the Childrens Craft Fair and the Marcie Rendon/author event.

Membership Report – Kathy Kletscher

- Member communications – wrote/sent emails on Library events, membership status, to recruit Board position(s).
- Updated membership brochures are in use.

Book Sale – Kay Wernecke

- Getting a lot of books,
- CDs are now \$1.00 (previously 50 cents)

Wescott Branch Report – Amanda Feist

Amanda's update:

- Dakota County Library continues development of a new strategic plan. The Library system received over 11,000 responses to the strategic plan survey; library staff attended over 38 events to engage community members in the future direction of the library.
- Self-service hours are available at all Dakota County Library System branches.
- New Look – the Library's public art installation, "Fan Flare" sits on the east lawn outside the library. This sculpture is part of a rotating two-year program, it replaces the rooster installation.
- Library programs/events have strong attendance:
 - iLab usage increased from 445 users in the Spring to 564 (up 27%) this summer.
 - Summer Discovery Kickoff event drew 425 attendees who enjoyed Kona Ice, free books, and outdoor games. The Craft Fair had its best weather and largest seller participation in years – over 600 attendees!
 - At one point during summer 2024, 95% of Wescott's early reader section was checked out!
- Home School Science/STEM series starts Tuesday, September 10. The Friends fund this program.

Old Business – John Elliott

None

New Business – John Elliott

- November 18 meeting starts at 5pm. This change made to allow friends to attend 6pm author event.

Funding Requests

- The motion made by Kay, seconded by Kathy, to authorize \$200.00 to fund an iLab workshop in digital editing, storage, and organization was unanimously approved.
- The motion made by Nancy, seconded by Julie, to authorize \$7,868.00 for the purchase of 2 tables and 8 chairs for the children's area was unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:06 pm

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 18, 2024

Board Meeting Dates:

2024: May 13, September 9, November 18 (regularly scheduled meeting date fell on Veterans Day)

2025: January 13, March 10, Annual Meeting May 12

Book Sale Dates

2024: October 6 - 13, 2024

2025: to be announced