

Friends of the Wescott Library

MEETING MINUTES

November 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: 5:00 pm (in person & ZOOM)

Members Present

John Elliott, Karen Gauthier, Kathy Kletscher, Nancy Lamers, Mandi Lancette, Julie Mulligan

Members Not Present

Ann Dixon, Robin Jones, Kay Wernecke

Wescott Library Liaison

Amanda Feist, Branch Manager

Guests

Secretary Report – Nancy Lamers

Clarifications to September 2024 minutes:

- Hy-Vee Eagan donated and delivered refreshments to two events - the Childrens Craft Fair and the November 18 Author event.
- The Summer Discovery Kickoff event drew 425 attendees not 42.

The motion made by Julie, seconded by Mandi, to approve September 9, 2024 meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report – Julie Mulligan

Current budget

Balance on Hand as of 09/09/2024: \$ 42,635.32

Current Income:	\$	9,598.22
Current Expenses:	\$	537.74
Less allocated funds:	\$	(25,320.29)

Current available funds 09/09/24: \$ 26,375.51

The Fall Book sale of \$9,027.70 includes \$250.00 from an online sale.

The cost of the Childrens Area tables/chairs was adjusted to \$7,935.00

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

Book Sale revenue:	Fall 2024	\$9,027.70
	Spring 2024	\$9,286.36
	Fall 2023	\$7,644.45
	Spring 2023	\$6,640.83
	Fall 2022	\$6,314.73

Publicity, Marketing – Kathy Kletscher, Interim VP

Discussed updating Friends logo

Membership Report – Kathy Kletscher

- Membership after the Fall Book Sale is 145.
- 97 members attended members' opening night of the Fall book sale.

Book Sale –

- Spring book sale dates April 2-6, 2025
- Fall book sale dates October 8–12, 2025

Wescott Branch Report – Amanda Feist

Amanda's update:

- The Friends fund the 2024-25 Home School STEM programs. The monthly programs started in September with 50 attendees. The first three programs drew a total of 147 people.
- The Friends purchased 2 tables and 8 chairs for the Childrens area. The furniture is in use.
- Each of the County's 10 libraries offers iLab services. Across the county library system, Wescott patrons are 40% of all iLab users.
- County-wide there are approximately 5,000 persons registered as Self-Service Access card holders. Wescott has 908 Self-Service Access card holders
- Community Outreach
 - Wednesdays 10am-noon county residents experiencing homelessness and other housing-related needs can drop-in to meet with Ally Supportive Services.

Old Business – John Elliott

None

New Business – John Elliott

Funding Requests

- The motion made by Kathy, seconded by Nancy, to authorize \$250.00 for the purchase of two plants was unanimously approved.
- The motion made by Mandi, seconded by Kathy to authorize \$250.00 to fund the learning event: How to Organize your Important Documents was unanimously approved.
- The motion by Julie, seconded by Karen, to authorize purchase of Wescott Winter Reads additional prizes was unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:32 pm

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 13, 2025

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

2025: April 2 - 6

2025: October 8 - 12