

Friends of the Wescott Library

MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2025

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 (in person & ZOOM)

Members Present

Ann Dixon, John Elliott, Kathy Kletscher, Nancy Lamers, Mandi Lancette, Julie Mulligan

Members Not Present

Karen Gauthier, Robin Jones, Kay Wernecke

Wescott Library Liaison

Amanda Feist, Branch Manager

Guests

Secretary Report – Nancy Lamers

The motion made by Julie, seconded by Mandi, to approve November 18, 2024 meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report – Julie Mulligan

Current budget

Balance on Hand as of 11/18/2024: \$ 51,695.80

Current Income: \$ 72.00

Current Expenses: \$ 8,267.32

Less allocated funds: \$ (17,830.13)

Current available funds 01/13/25: \$ 25,670.35

The motion made by Kathy, seconded by Mandi, 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

Spring newsletter will be ready to go in early March.

Membership Report – Kathy Kletscher

- Membership: 149 members
- Received \$250.00 donation in honor of Mary Ellen Jakubowsky, a former Wescott Library staff member.
- Requested and coordinated Hy-Vee Eagan's refreshment donations for two events: Book Bingo, and Talking Strings: The Story of Romani Music

Book Sale –

Donations for the Spring book sale are coming in.

Wescott Branch Report – Amanda Feist

Amanda's update:

- Distributed the Strategies of the Dakota County Library Emerging Strategic Plan; a one page document.
- The Winter Reads program features a display near the library entry: an evergreen tree and ornaments that are miniature dioramas of literary inspired scenes. The Friends funded some of the Winter Reads prizes.
- Overall Wescott Library's 2024 usage and circulation is similar to 2023. Customers visited the library 230,839 times and checked out 778,280 physical items. Wescott owns 119,390 items for physical circulation; the county library system owns 731,310 items for physical circulation.
- The Wescott branch was gifted approximately \$796,000 by the estate of Elizabeth Kolstad. Mrs. Kolstad and her deceased husband Roald were long time library users and supporters of the Wescott Library.
- The Friends funded monthly Home School STEM Programs continue.
- The Childrens Area debuted its dramatic play area. The current installation is a Tuk Tuk – a type of 3 wheeled taxi used in many countries.

Old Business – John Elliott

None

New Business – John Elliott

Funding Requests

- The motion made by Julie, seconded by Kathy, to authorize \$755.37 for the purchase of sound absorbing tiles was unanimously approved.
- The motion made by Nancy, seconded by Julie, to authorize \$174.80 for the purchase of 10 sets of magnetic Chess/Checkers/Backgammon sets was unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:12 pm

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 10, 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

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Meeting Agenda
January 13, 2025 6:30 p.m.**

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Call to Order and Welcome	John Elliott
Secretary's Report	Nancy Lamers
Treasurer's Report	Julie Mulligan
Marketing/Membership	Kathy Kletscher
Committee Reports Booksale	Kay Wernecke
Wescott Branch Report and Funding Requests	Amanda Feist
Old Business	
New Business	
Adjourn	

2024-2025 Meeting Dates
Sept 9, 2024
Nov 18, 2024
Jan 13, 2025
Mar 10, 2025
May 12, 2025 – Annual Meeting