

Friends of the Wescott Library

MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 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: 6:31 pm (in person & ZOOM)

Members Present

Ann Dixon, John Elliott, Kathy Kletscher, Nancy Lamers, Mandi Lancette, Julie Mulligan, Samantha Schindler, Kay Wernecke

Members Not Present

Karen Gauthier, Robin Jones

Wescott Library Liaison

Amanda Feist, Branch Manager

Guests

Secretary Report – Nancy Lamers

The motion made by Kay, seconded by Mandy, to approve January 13, 2025 meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report – Julie Mulligan

Current budget

Balance on Hand as of 01/13/2025: \$ 43,500.48

Current Income:	\$ 1,667.50
Current Expenses:	\$ 4,369.49
Less allocated funds:	\$ (16,390.81)

Current available funds 03/10/25: \$ 24,407.68

The motion made by Nancy, seconded by Kathy, 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

- Introduced Sam who is interested in Marketing the Friends organization and events.
- Spring Sale posted on KARE11 events calendar

Membership Report – Kathy Kletscher

- Membership: 154 memberships, with 70 expiring April 1st
- Margaret Stone, the Dakota County Library Director, invited all Dakota County Library Friends groups to a March 25 event to meet, learn from, and support each other. The event also includes a presentation from Beth Burns, executive director of the Friends of the St Paul Public Library. Several Wescott board members plan to attend.

Book Sale –

- Lots of donations including games and puzzles

Wescott Branch Report – Amanda Feist

Amanda's update:

Thank you to Friends for your contributions:

- Several new (living) plants are distributed throughout the library;
- Board member Kathy Kletscher coordinated the donation of refreshments from Hy-Vee Eagan for the February Talking Strings event.
- Childrens area furniture, donated by the Friends, is in use. The area has been set up as a (play) kitchen this month.
- New large-print book group kits have been ordered
- The Friends sponsored Home School Science Series continues to be popular and well attended

Library Events:

- The Baby StoryTime programming was expanded with the addition of a Wednesday morning class – the average “class size” was reduced and attendance increased by 180 people this year.
- The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) developed and made displays to promote Blind Date with a Book.

Old Business – John Elliott

None

New Business – John Elliott

Annual Reports - Board officers and committee chairs must submit Annual Reports, to John, on or before May 5, 2025

Funding Requests

- The motion made by Nancy, seconded by Mandy, to authorize \$2,500.00 for the purchase of approximately 384 books for the Summer Discover Reading outreach program was unanimously approved.
- The motion made by Kay, seconded by Kathy, to authorize \$2,300 for entertainment and refreshments at the June 2025 Summer Discovery Celebration event was unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:14 pm

**NEXT MEETING: MAY 12, 2025
Annual Meeting**

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
March 10, 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