

Friends of the Wescott Library

MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2026

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: 6:34 pm (In Person and ZOOM)

Members Present

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

Members Not Present

Karen Gauthier, Robin Jones, Kay Werneke

Wescott Library Liaison

Amanda Feist, Branch Manager

Guests

Secretary Report – Nancy Lamers

The motion made by Julie, seconded by Kathy, to approve November 10, 2025 meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report – Julie Mulligan

Current budget

Balance on Hand as of 11//10/2025: \$ 49,341.26

Current Income: \$ 100.22

Current Expenses: \$ 830.84

Less allocated funds: \$ (18,980.08)

Current available funds 01/12/26: \$ 29,630.56

Discussion – The group consensus was to increase the logo contest budget to \$100.00 to allow two \$50.00 prizes.

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

Book Sale revenue:	Fall 2025	\$11,479.50
	Spring 2025	\$ 10,137.87
	Fall 2024	\$ 9,027.70
	Spring 2024	\$ 9,286.36
	Fall 2023	\$ 7,644.45

Marketing – Sam Schindler

- Friends new logo: Sam is updating Friends' materials with the new logo; will send the file to the Board
- No Shelf Control - the Friends sponsored book club meets Mondays, at Wescott; attendance is growing

Membership Report – Kathy Kletscher

- Membership:169 total members
- Friends website – looking for volunteers to update the site.
- Author events March and April – consensus agreement that Kathy will purchase a book (2 total) to raffle to persons attending each event.

Book Sale – Kay Wernecke

- Donated materials have nearly filled the hallway closet; including a significant number of DVDs and Blu-rays donated by Wescott

Wescott Branch Report – Amanda Feist

Amanda's update:

- Thank you to Kathy for arranging hot chocolate for the successful winter trivia event
- New toys are being added to the Childrens play area
- 2026 Winter Reads program started January 12; participants receive owl bookmarks and 3D printed keychain charms

Highlights from Wescott's 2025 annual report:

- Wescott led the branch libraries with 823,247 materials circulated
- Wescott visits have increased annually since 2022 with 252,764 visits in 2025
- 16,224 people attended 497 events and classes
- Wescott has 116,609 items in the physical collection
- 24,120 phone calls were answered
- 4,370 room reservations

Old Business – John Elliott

None

New Business – John Elliott

Ann offered to purchase treats for the library staff; the group agreed to fund the treats

Funding Requests

- The motion made by Nancy, seconded by Julie, to authorize \$250.00 for the purchase of 500 piece jigsaw puzzles for the March 29, 2026 competition was unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:23 pm

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 9, 2026

Board Meeting Dates:

2025: May 12, September 8, November 10

2026: January 12, March 9, Annual Meeting May 11

Book Sale Dates

2026: April 15 – 19

2026: October 7 - 11