

Friends of the Wescott Library

MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 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: 6:30 pm (In Person and ZOOM)

Members Present

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

Members Not Present

Robin Jones, Kay Wernecke

Wescott Library Liaison

Amanda Feist, Branch Manager

Guests

Secretary Report – Nancy Lamers

The motion made by Julie, seconded by Kathy, to approve January 12, 2026 meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report – Julie Mulligan

Current budget

Balance on Hand as of 01/12/2026: \$ 48,610.64

Current Income:	\$	128.95
Current Expenses:	\$	2,457.28
Less allocated funds:	\$	(16,822.80)

Current available funds 03/09/26: \$ 29,469.51

The motion made by Karen, seconded by Sam, 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

- No Shelf Control: the Friends sponsored book club meets Mondays, at Wescott; attendance is growing

Membership Report – Kathy Kletscher

- Membership:171 total members
- Kathy sends Friends emails with upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Book Sale – Kay Wernecke

- Final planning for the April sale

Wescott Branch Report – Amanda Feist

Amanda's update:

- Thank you to the Friends for staff treats; and thank you to Ann who purchased and delivered the treats
- Winter Reads, partially funded by the Friends, had 84 participants and great attendance at associated winter programs
- The iLab is consistently used; 3D printing is the most used offering. 8mm film conversion has increased since the Library upgraded to the Kodak Film digitizer purchased with Friends of the Wescott Library funding
- HeART of Eagan rotates outdoor sculptures on the Library grounds; the current structure Fanflare will be removed in April; and replaced with Anima imagined. The new structure, by Isaac Kidder, will be installed in June. The Friends fund Wescott's outdoor sculpture program
- Burnhaven Library remodeling starts in March; during the remodel some Burnhaven staff will be assigned to Wescott.
- During May Wescott will host a Food drive for Open Door Pantry

Highlights from Wescott's 2026 Work Plan:

- Wescott will address safety hazards that may impact customers and staff
- Wescott will increase usability and browsability of collections; for example by preserving and repairing plat maps; and reconfigure browsing bins and displays for customer ease and ease in re-stocking

Old Business – John Elliott

None

New Business – John Elliott

Thank you letters to the Friends

Funding Requests

- The motion made by Mandi, seconded by Julie, to authorize \$300.00 for the petite concert in August, 2026 was unanimously approved.
- The motion made by Kathy, seconded by Karen, to authorize \$1,200.00 for Kona Ice at the June 16 Summer Discovery event was unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:16 pm

**NEXT MEETING: MAY 11, 2026
ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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