

Friends Fourth Quarter Meeting Minutes—October 28, 2025

- Meeting called to order at 11:15 a.m. Thirteen members attended. List on file.
- Third quarter minutes placed in file
- Jean presented Treasurer's Report. Balance as of October 31 is \$12,531.10. Major income for October was \$5,369 from the book sale. Expenses were \$1,500.22. Report on file.
- The Silent Auction netted \$492, which was over the average auction total of \$350. Thirty-seven items were sold. A big Thank You to the Silent Auction team!
- Jane presented the Fall 2025 Book Sale Summary. Report on file. Key points included:
 - Sale generated \$5,369, about \$300 over the average of the last 11 sales.
 - Jane thanked the Friends for a splendid job of great teamwork throughout the sale.
 - A greater number of books were received (except for paperbacks) which resulted in more left-over boxes of books.
 - Andrea said there is industry talk about publishers no longer printing paperbacks in the future—only hardcovers and trade size.
 - Wednesday-Friday sales days went extremely well with the right mix of volunteers. Monday and Friday set-up and take-down days went well, but could have used a few more volunteers, especially Saturday with the number of left-over boxes. Several “regulars” were unavailable.
 - An open exacto knife was left in the children's area, as well as a second one on the sorting room shelf. Please take care to always close the knives after use. Those people who use the knives to cut boxes will go through all the knives we have to be sure they can be closed and let Jane know if new ones need to be purchased.
 - The company who ships their books in Bakker boxes is going out of business so we will no longer get more of the boxes we normally use for paperbacks and children's books. Meanwhile please DO NOT cut off the lids of the existing boxes so we can continue to use those to stack children's book boxes.
 - Joanne came up with a good idea to arrange paperbacks by author and stand up a book to indicate the author. An index card or laminated card was also suggested.
 - In an effort to reduce the number of left-over books, we will be more selective in the books we keep, weeding out less desirable, older, dirty, or worn books and only keep clean, high-quality books. This does not mean we will do away with the “Old Books” category, but will only keep popular titles and get rid of smelly or damaged ones. With more space available, old books will be moved to the lobby. This process may be confusing at first, so if in doubt about what to get rid of, ask another person to see if they agree or see Jane.
 - The dollar hardcover children's books sold well and a suggestion was made to up all hardcovers to \$1 and softcovers to \$.50. After some discussion, it was voted to charge \$1 for large hardcovers (which will be sorted into a separate box and individually labeled with a dollar sticker). All other hardcovers will continue to be \$.50 and softcovers \$.25. Normally we don't resell library rejects, but Andrea said she has a number of good children's hardcovers which may work for us.
 - There was an incident during bag day where a couple was caught putting books into giant canvas bags which were stored under the paperback table. When confronted,

they refused access to their bags and rushed out of the library. They were caught on the security camera so we can recognize them should they return. Should anything like this happen again, notify the library staff.

- Because of the volume of left-over books (50 boxes) drop-off runs were delayed until Monday and Tuesday, when Jane put out an SOS for drivers. A big thank-you to all responders who made deliveries to the Goodwill, Salvation Army and other locations. A Salvation Army worker told Jean that they incinerate the books, which we need to verify. A good discussion was started on other ways to get rid of books including BookStock. More conversations will be held before the spring sale.
- A committee of those closest to the issues will get together to discuss take-down procedures prior to the spring sale. Cindy volunteered to help on Saturday.
- Remember volunteers can take \$10 worth of items at each sale or during book sorts.
- A discussion was held on recruiting new members. Jane will contact all people who checked off the “attend meetings” and “help at sales” or sort books” boxes on the new member applications. Andrea will create a large banner highlighting the Friends activities and contributions that can be displayed in the library. Cathy B. volunteered to be our advocate at various functions she attends. Andrea will create a “This program sponsored by the Friends of the Library” type of placard to display at activities.
- Holiday Packages will be assembled on Tuesday, November 25 after book sort. Jean will buy candy canes, Andrea will print up gift tags, Jane and Kathy will buy more ribbon (if anyone has any extra, please bring it in). Volunteers are: Jean, Sue, Cathy B., Kathy M., Joanne, Betty, Cindy, Melissa, Jane, others welcome. Plan on pizza for lunch.
- Officer Elections Held. Jane—President, Ann B.—Vice President (while in Florida, we’ll keep her in the loop), Jean—Treasurer, Kathy M.—Secretary, Melissa—Member at Large.
- The Spring Used Book Sale will be held the week of April 20-25, 2026. Mark your calendars.
- The Friends Holiday Party will be held Tuesday, December 16 at Waltonwood from 12-2:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars. It will be a potluck. Jane will send out details. By popular vote, we will also do a Chinese gift exchange so please bring a fun \$5.00 wrapped gift to pass around.
- Andrea presented her wish list, which was nominated, seconded and unanimously approved. List of programs/expenses on file.

Meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McLaurin and Jane Kleban, October 29, 2025