

Friends of the Chelsea District Library
 Board Meeting Minutes
 Nov. 11, 2025
 5:00 PM –Large Study Room

- (1) The meeting was called to order at 5:01 by Dayle Wright, president
- (2) Roll call: in attendance were Dayle Wright, Nancy Whitelaw, Lisa Climer, Nancy Neff, Terri Bollinger, Sudha Myers, Jan Carr, Megan McCall, Library Director Lori Coryell. Jo Goodrich was absent with prior notice.
- (3) Public comment-none
- (4) Nancy W. moved that the agenda for today's meeting be approved with one addition, Jan seconded, motion passed.
- (5) Minutes of the October 14 meeting were brought to the meeting and shared via Google drive. They will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- (6) Director's report is attached
- (7) Chair reports
- Megan– Secretary-circulated volunteer time sheet
 - Lisa- Communications via Facebook
 - 10/10 & 10/11 book sale reminder
 - 10/14 call for membership
 - 10/15 & 10/17 call for book donation
 - 10/21 membership book thanks & new member thanks
 - 10/23 call for book donation
 - 10/28 Little Free Libraries at the parks
 - 11/4 Songfest
 - 11/6 book sale & wine, women & shopping
 - 11/7 Purple Rose theater reading
 - 11/8 book sale
 - Nancy - Treasurer
 - Summary of Finances for October 2025
 - Year Expended – 83.33% Year Expended
 - Checking Account Balance as of 09/30/25 - \$1,000.00
 - 2025 Income Budget Total - \$23,835
- Income for October 2025
 Used Book Sale - \$939.99
 Friendly Book Cart - \$517.00

Brandon Bags \$780.03
 Serendipity Books \$50.00
 Membership- 20 Renewals and 5 new members
 Donation - \$90.00 (General)
 Interest Earned - \$84.92
 Total October 2025 Income - \$3,630.38
 YTD Income for 2025 received- \$26,064.46 of \$23,835.00 (109.35% of budget)

Expenses for October 2025
 Book Sale Supplies - \$27.32
 Total Expenses for October 2025 -\$27.32
 YTD Expenses for 2025 spent - \$20,262.52 of \$37,570.00* (53.93% of budget)
 *Additional Wish List Item added to budget - \$8,160.00 +29,410.00 Original= \$37,570.00

Ending Checking Balance as of 10/31/25 - \$4,292.30
 Circulation Desk - \$70.00
 Business Savings Account - \$26,240.05
 Total Cash on Hand 09/22/25 - \$30,602.35

- Cost of privacy booths was \$7,379.
 - Discussed difficulty accessing Friends gmail account. Lori suggested she speak with Virginia or library tech support person.
 - FOML website was updated 10/30/25. Nancy N. is our contact person and will need to set updated password. The new login info will then be shared with board members.
- Sudha-Membership Chair
 Here are this month's membership numbers:
 Global mailing list - 392 contacts
 Email list – 303 contacts
 Snail mail - 11 contacts
 Paid memberships - 89
 Members with birthday vouchers – 14
 0 renewal notice sent
 3 birthday vouchers mailed
 12 membership renewal thank you sent
 4 new member email sent
 - Terri- Hospitality, Annual membership meeting is the next FoCDL led social event.
 - Jan-UBS Chair- UBS update, over \$1000 raised at the last book sale. Discussed an organization Making Spirits Bright that offered to take our culled books. Consensus was that we continue giving to the more local organization in Detroit “Birdie’s Books”.
 - JoAnn-Fundraising chair-no report

- Nancy W-Pres. Elect-no report
- Dayle-President- At the Dec meeting the board will begin working on 2026 budget. Discussed perhaps increasing donation for Music in the Air.

(8) Old business

- Rummage sale items-no update at this time.
- Little Free Library at Main Street Park-Virginia is on the MSP Association committee. Jan will connect with her and get back to us.

(9) New Business

- Nominating committee for 2026 positions-met 11/7, divided up responsibilities.
- Request from member of the public to use our LFLs as mini-food pantries- Consensus is that we will support other ways to encourage donations to local food pantry (FIA) but wish to keep the Little Free Libraries for books. Jan has already communicated this to the member of the public.

(10) Other

- Memorial donations for Teresa Beegle of \$748 have been received. Megan will draft a letter of thanks to the family. Lori will ask Chris to send copies of what the library has sent in similar situations to use as inspiration.
- By-laws review-discussed edits suggested by the committee, which were accepted. Revised by-laws will be shared at annual meeting.

(11) Adjournment: Jan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nancy N. seconded, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:55.

Minutes recorded by Megan McCall, Secretary

Director's Report for Friends November 2025 Meeting

New Head of Technology Brandon Leffler

I'm pleased to announce that Brandon Leffler will be joining us as the Head of Technology effective November 10 (yesterday). In this role, he will oversee our technology strategy, systems, and digital initiatives to enhance the services and resources we provide to our community.

Brandon brings more than ten years of experience in systems and IT administration to CDL as well as a passion for libraries and the Chelsea community. You may have seen Brandon and his family around town at community events or at ALCHEMY Holistic Collective which was owned by him and his wife until recently.

Brandon will be training with Scott for the remainder of the year and will "take charge" in the new year.

Mobee Trunk or Treat Visits

Snoopy and the gang took Mobee to three community trunk or treats this fall. We visited a total of 643 trick-or-treaters.

Artist in Residence and Song Fest

Joy Jan Jones ended her artist residency this past Friday. During her week here, she visited with every third grade class at South Meadows, the choral students at Chelsea High School, Silver Maples, Dancey House, the Pines, the Chelsea Senior Center, and the Memory Unit at UMRC. She was adored by all!

Her visit culminated in guesting at our annual Song Fest on Friday, November 7. Having never met each other until that day, they blended vocals beautifully on several of guest artist Freedy Johnston's songs. It was a special evening dedicated to the art and craft of songwriting. Two local teen groups were on hand to share their talent with the audience before Freedy took the stage. Both Freedy and Joy met with these young performers to encourage them and provide advice. A total of 82 people came out to the Pasture Barn at Robin Hills Farm for the event. We even had a food truck provided by Eddie Greenleaf of Chelsea Lanes. The smash burgers and fries were delicious!

Thanks to our Friends for supporting both of these outstanding programs!

Volunteer Appreciation Party

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Volunteer Appreciation Party is set for Saturday, December 6 from 5:30-7pm. Please join us!