

Friends of the Naples Library  
January 13, 2025

Attendees: Gail Musnicki, Pat Cochran, Arden Neubauer, Beppy Hawks, Stephanie Lipp, Robin Crist, Gretchen Pulver, Betsy Lewis, Barb Lindquist. Guests: Jessica Winum, Mora Mundt

Call to Order: Gail Musnicki called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM.

Minutes of November 18, 2024- Arden Neubauer found an error in the minutes regarding the approval of the Treasurer's report. B. Lindquist will make correction to read as: Stephanie Lipp made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Beppy Hawks seconded, motion carried.

Motioned made to approve the corrected minutes made by Arden Neubauer, 2nd by Beppy Hawks, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Arden Neubauer reported that 250 fundraising letters were mailed and 34 donations have been made. Some letters were sent to incorrect addresses. \$2578 was raised from the fundraising (year end plea as indicated in the treasurer's report). Checking account balance is \$8487.82; CD account balance is \$10,000. A motion to approve report made by Barb Lindquist, seconded by Beppy Hawks. Motion carried.

Update on the Community Garden: Mora Mundt gave an update and the following ideas were shared: Garden project has been scaled back- location now at the library instead of the Community Park. Project ideas and drawings presented: Replace bushes, add trellis and new bushes including edible ones; small garden beds in the front; small window boxes; harvest share boxes; pergola (temporary structure) to be added out front; gravel to be added to the alleyway (village owns this area); garden beds, mural, etc.

Ally Makepeace is talking with the building code enforcement officer about these plans. The Homesteaders Club will help to care for the gardens.

Other ideas shared: Contact the Naples School art department about making the mural; check with the village DPW about helping to water the gardens. Have patrons sponsor the flower boxes.

President's Report/ New Business:

- A. General fundraising discussion for 2025: A subcommittee of Joy Gardiner, Pat Cochran and Betsy Lewis (possibly Gail Rumsey) will meet to brainstorm fundraising ideas to share at the next committee meeting in March.  
Fundraising letter- discussion of the timing of the last letter sent out, maybe send the letter out earlier instead of November; need to update donor list and

maybe eliminate the addresses of non donors; letter can redirect focus to books/ reading programs.

Other fundraising ideas discussed: getting donations from area businesses, research fundraising ideas for small libraries; local artists, outdoorsy activities, have local artist design new library t-shirts to sell, weekend getaway raffle, baskets for Naples Grapefest, Rock the Day/ Giving Tuesday.

B. Set amount to give the Library for Budget year '25-'26: \$6000 was given in 2023 and \$8000 given in 2024, mostly used to fund the summer programs. Current balance of the FOL account is \$18,000. The committee proposed giving the library \$8000 at the start of the fiscal year. Beppy Hawks made a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Arden Neubauer - motion carried.

C. Set meeting dates for 2025: The following meeting dates were set for 2025:

March 10; May 12; July 14; September 8; November 10

D. FOL Rep at Trustees meetings:

January 15- Gail Musnicki; February 19- Betsy Lewis; March 19- Joy Gardiner; April 23- Robin Crist; May 21- Arden Neubauer; June 18- Gretchen Pulver; July 16\_\_\_\_\_; August 13- Pat Cochran; September 17- Stephanie Lipp; October 15\_\_\_\_\_; November 19- Barb Lindquist; December 17(gathering)- \_\_\_\_\_

E. Director's Report: Jessica Winum reported that she's getting settled in and familiar with the library/ business. She'll be attending the Library Advocacy Day in Albany on 2/5/25. Family Search Affiliated Library- Jessica is getting the Library signed up for this.

Next meeting: March 10, 2025.

Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn by Arden Neubauer, seconded by Stephanie Lipp. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Lindquist (Secretary)