

Friends of the Naples Library
September 8, 2025

Attendees: Gail Musnicki, Pat Cochran, Arden Neubauer, Beppy Hawks, Stephanie Lipp, Robin Crist, Gretchen Pulver, Betsy Lewis, Barb Lindquist, Joy Gardiner, Gail Rumsey, Tad Trzeciak. Guests: Ally Makepeace, Linda Strauss-Jones

Call to Order: Pat Cochran called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM.

Minutes of July 14, 2025- The minutes were reviewed by the committee. Pat made a motion to amend the minutes with the correction regarding the Ladies Tea scheduled for 5/9/2026. Our committee hasn't officially teamed up with the Naples Historical Society to do this event. Motioned made to amend the minutes made by Gail R., 2nd by Beppy, motion carried. Motion made to accept the corrected minutes made by Arden, 2nd by Beppy, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was reviewed. Current balance is \$6,774.88 and the CD Account balance is \$5000. Arden shared that the Farmer's Market had \$178.37 in donations. The current donations from the market seem to be tapering off. A motion to approve report made by Beppy, 2nd by Gail R. Motion carried.

President's Report/ New Business:

A. Grape Festival volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around. Discussion: Blue Tent/ Banner should be set up Friday; FOL will have totes, tumblers and Blind date books available; Bike Raffle tickets will be available and the bike will be on display; Dinosaur \$\$ box will be added to the table. Felt ornaments and bookmarks will also be available. A big thank you to Gretchen's friend for donating these items! A small Christmas tree to display ornaments will be added to the table.

Totes \$12 / Tumblers \$12 - 2/\$20 donation
Ornaments / Bookmarks 2/\$5 donation

B. Fundraising Calendar - The calendar was presented by Pat and shared with the committee.

C. Naples Historical Society- Tea Party planning will be held next spring. The Executive Committee has previously met to talk about it. After discussion, the FOL decided to plan it by ourselves. Pat suggested we vote on this action. Gail R. made a motion that just FOL plan the Tea Party, Beppy 2nd. Motion carried.

D. Lap Top Computer- Ally M. explained the need to purchase an extra lap top for the library. The purchase can be made through OWLL, wholesale price through Dell with added tech support. 5 year warranty for \$722. Mora will use this for online learning, volunteer scheduling, social media posts and programming. Joy made motion to approve lap top purchase, Stephanie 2nd. Motion carried.

E. Popcorn Machine- The FOL discussed purchasing a popcorn machine for the library to use at various events, such as Light Up Naples. Pat, Ally and Mora will research which machine to purchase. Beppy made a motion to approve this purchase, Barb 2nd. Motion carried.

F. Trustee Meeting Report/ Trustee Liason Report- Pat shared about the 8/13/25 Library Board meeting. Linda and Ally also shared information from this meeting. Telephone and Security updates and Internet improvements will be done by Integrated Service Systems in Victor. Trustee Brook will check into purchasing AED to use on adult/ child. Staff will have in- person physical training. If needed, it can be shared with other community businesses. The purchase will be taken from the library operations budget. The Finance committee will meet to work on new budget, staff policy updates and staff salary increases.

G. Director's Report: Ally shared the library's data from the summer months regarding material circulation, program attendance, social media and website hits, etc. Mora is currently taking more classes and John is working on replacing old/ new materials. Tina- new part-time staff member was hired and is doing a great job! A new bookkeeper from Weld Street Bookkeeping Services has been hired. Two workforce volunteers are currently helping in the library to organize shelves/ sort and discard books. The YOGA class was discussed. Pat asked if the class could start at 10:15 instead of 10:00 as a request from this YOGA group.

Ally thanked the FOL for the support she received during her transition period to Director of the Naples Library.

OLD Business- Book wrapping: The FOL needs to wrap additional books in preparation of the Grape Festival.

9/17 @ 3:30 group will be Barb, Pat, Beppy and Betsy

9/23 @ 3:30 group will be Robin, Gail M., Stephanie and Beppy

Farmer's Market: Sept. 23- Tim; Sept. 30- Robin; Oct. 7- Betsy

Board Meeting Schedule: Oct. 15- Gail M.; Nov. 19- Barb; Dec. 17- ?? Holiday

Gathering with Trustees

Annual Appeal Letter: National Friends of the Library week is October 19-25th. The focus of our letter will be programming, bullet most important highlights, include a link to the library website in the letter if possible. Pat will email draft of letter to FOL for review. Gail R. will work with Naples Studio for printing. The committee will talk further about expanding the membership.

Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn around 5:15 p.m. by Gail R., 2nd by Beppy. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Lindquist (Secretary)