

Friends of the Naples Library  
July 14, 2025

Attendees: Beppy Hawks, Gail Musnicki, Tim Williams, Joy Gardiner, Pat Cochran, Tad Trzeciak, Arden Neubauer, Stephanie Lipp, Robin Crist, Betsy Lewis. Guests: Mora Mundt, Ally Makepeace.

Call to Order: Gail Musnicki called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Gail M. presented the proposed new slant of officers:

President: Pat Cochran, Vice President: Gail Musnicki, Treasurer: Arden Neubauer, Secretary: Barb Linnquist. Beppy made the motion to accept the nominations. Robin seconded the motion. The new officers were approved unanimously. The terms start immediately and Pat took over as President.

Pat welcomed new member, Tim Williams, who gave a brief bio.

Minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting: The motion was made by Arden to accept the minutes and seconded by Beppy. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Arden clarified that we will give Ally a check for \$8,000 this month and will also give monthly checks for \$320 to pay for the Yoga classes. Ally informed up that all of the programming for the library is paid for by the Friends group. This includes \$1,000 to Budding Readers. Our current balance is \$14,980.29 plus \$5,000 in the CD account. Beppy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Gail M. seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: Fund raising ideas were discussed. The Farmer's Market is doing well with the donations for the mystery books and sell of the tote bags. Discussed the Ladies Tea scheduled for May 9, 2026 at Wren's Roost. This will be a joint effort with the Historical Society. A committee to organize the Tea was formed: Pat Corcoran, Betsy Lewis, Gail M. and Tim Williams. All attendees expressed interest in helping with the event.

Other fund-raising events were discussed including a "Book Store". Ally will check into the possibility. Also discussed the possibility of Levels of Giving. Joy will find previous notes and give them to Pat for further investigation. Could possibly be included in the year-end letter.

Mora had a hand-out listing possible fundraising ideas for Calendar 2025-2026. There was discussion on the Friends setting up the table of books and totes at various events going on in Naples over the next year.

Mora also gave a hand-out of Funding Proposals with estimated costs, for our review. Arden made a motion to fund the Wellness Offerings for \$1,200. This could include massage therapist, special fitness class, therapist workshop, nutritionist workshop and physical therapist. Beppy seconded. Motion carried.

Gail M. made a motion to fund the Music Series November – April for \$1,200. This would be performances by musicians in the library. Robin seconded. Motion carried.

Arden suggested purchasing thermal mugs (similar to Yeti's) with the library logo printed on them for sale at the Friends table at the Grape Festival and other events. She will research the cost and we will vote online so they can be ordered by the Festival.

Discussion of the Grape Festival: Bike Raffle will end that week-end. Bike will be displayed during the festival. Our table will include mystery books, totes, and possibly the thermal cups. A list for volunteers to sign up will be at the next meeting.

Ally gave the Director's report, outlining the new functions of the staff. Mora is now in charge of programming for all ages. John is now Collections Manager and is responsible for all lending materials. Ally also passed out a very comprehensive report on where all of our funding has been spent over the years.

A mystery book wrapping date has been scheduled for Tuesday 7/22 at 3:30. An email will be sent out to ask for volunteers. We also need wrapping paper for children's books if anyone has any to donate.

New Business: It was agreed that meetings will continue at 3:30 pm on Mondays every other month.

Joy suggested that Tim Williams be added to the Fund-raising committee and she will step down. Tim agreed. The committee is Betsy Lewis, Pat Cochrane, and Tim. Mora will be included when needed.

Stephanie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Arden seconded. Pat adjourned the meeting at 4:56 pm.