

**Poudre River Friends of the Library Monthly Board Meeting
Harmony Library
March 17, 2026**



Board Members Present:

X	Kathy Marquis, President		Char Micek, Member at Large
X	Robin Gard, Past President	X	Samantha Ye, Member at Large
X	Maggie McDonald, Vice President/Secretary	X	Emmalee Severson, Member at Large
X	Maya Curtis, Treasurer	X	Robert Micek, Member at Large
X	Barbara Walton, Assistant Treasurer	X	Robyn Potter, Member at Large
X	Monica Gavin, Member at Large		Susie Pizzi, Teen Representative

Ex Officio Board Members Present:

X	Diane Lapierre, Library Executive Director	X	Linda Hopkins, Library Trust
X	Selena Paulsen, Library Development Officer		Peggy Reeves, Library Trust
X	Vicki Woods, Library District Board of Trustees		

Other Guests Present: Monique Ramos, Community Outreach Manager; Xochil Arellano, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Manager.

Call to Order: Kathy called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Barbara moved, Monica seconded, and the minutes from 02/17/26 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report (Maya Curtis):

- Maya commented on the February Financials. The costs related to the January Book Sale were expensed in February. Online sales through Amazon and eBay continue to do well.

Library District Report (Diane Lapierre):

- Diane stated that she is keeping her eyes and ears open for possible locations for the Friends to consolidate space and operations.
- There will be an SECC Introduction to the Community luncheon March 26th at the Center for Creativity.
- Diana and Selena will be attending "Lobby Day" at the State Capitol on Monday to advocate for libraries.

Library District Board of Trustees Report (Vicki Woods):

- Vicki reported that the Library Board is now complete with the swearing-in of new Trustees.
- Library policy reviews continue.
- There will be a Library Staff Appreciation gathering on April 24th coinciding with National Library Week. Thank you to the Friends for supporting this event.

Library Trust Report (Linda Hopkins):

- Linda reported that the Trust transferred \$250,000 to the Library District as an initial donation toward the new SECC Library.

Book Sale Update (Robin Gard):

- Robin reported that there will be a Kids and SciFi book sale on Saturday, May 2nd outdoors in Civic Center Park.
- May 28-May 31 is the next weekend sale in the Harmony Library Community and Quiet Study Rooms. Thanks to Kathy, DreamBooks will pick up unsold books at 4pm so we don't need to adjust the sale hours.
- An inventory of the warehouse will happen soon.

MOD Squad Update (Robert Micek):

- The 2026 bookmark contest is underway. The submission deadline is March 31st. The team is organizing the voting process. There will be a winner in each of 5 age categories, and possibly one additional board-chosen winner. The social media and outreach blitz is underway. Thank you MOD Squad!
- Robert has been focusing on data security. There was no breach but we are tightening up access and permissions.
- Emma is putting together an outreach process.

New Business:

Poudre Libraries Outreach Programs – Monique Ramos, Community Outreach Manager

- Monique Ramos gave an illuminating presentation about the Libraries' many and varied community outreach programs, highlighting the many programs that are proudly supported by the Friends!

Assistant Treasurer Position – Barbara Walton

- Barbara reported that she will be stepping down from the Assistant Treasurer position to focus on VITA and activities that utilize her CPA skills. She will stay through the First Quarter financial reconciliation that will occur in April. A big thank you to Barbara and all of her work over the past 5 years as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer supporting the Friends!
- Selena will make an introduction between Kathy and Joey Hoefler, CPA, the current President of the Poudre Libraries Trust and a partner at RLR, a Fort Collins accounting firm.

Unfinished Business:

Donation for Southeast Community Center (SECC) – Kathy Marquis

- The Board discussed the amount and timing of the proposed \$100,000 FOL donation to the SECC capital campaign.
- **VOTE:** Kathy motioned, Monica seconded, and the Board unanimously approved that Poudre River Friends of the Library commit as a Founding Partner of the SECC Library and pledge \$100,000 to the SECC Capital Campaign over 3-4 years, as the PRFOL financial situation allows.
- This agreement will be detailed in a Gift Agreement to be written by Selena and signed by the FOL Board.

Sorting Criteria – Monica Gavin

- Monica distributed a draft of the revised Sorting Criteria. These will be discussed at the April meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 5:06 pm. Next meeting is 4/21/26, 4 pm, at Harmony Library.

Respectfully submitted by Maggie McDonald, Secretary