Poudre River Friends of the Library Monthly Board Meeting
Harmony Library
August 18, 2026

Board Members Present:

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

Ex Officio Board Members Present:

	Diane Lapierre, Library Executive Director		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: Liz Fahrenbruch, Volunteer Recruiter**;** Joyce Little, Friend and Volunteer

Call to Order: Kathy called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
Maggie moved, Maya seconded, and the minutes from 07/21/26 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report (Maya Curtis):

- We continue to do well with revenue – many of our budgeted revenue targets are at 60-80% July YTD, which is 58% through the year.

Library District Report (Selena Paulsen):

- Budget season will be the next few months. Strategic planning is now finished.
- The SECC capital campaign is underway – discussions with donor and foundations.
- Interesting things are happening at the Urban Renewal Authority/Albertson's site on North College. FOL space is included in the plans.
- Construction of the SECC is moving along well.
- Kathy informed the Board that Selena had interacted with a community member who came into Webster House with questions about the Friends and standards for sponsoring community events. Selena explained that FOL is a separate 510c3 and we have our own board and bylaws. The community member said they are critical of FOL's support of FoCo Reads regarding this year's book selection. They felt that this year's selection, *One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This* by Omar El Akkad was antisemitic and "politicized" the event. FOL response is that we've supported FoCo Reads for a long time, we are not involved in selecting books, and we value intellectual freedom.

Library District Board of Trustees Report (Vicki Woods):

- Library circulation is up.
- The Board of Trustees continues its review of policies.
- The BOT is advocating for Friends space at the Albertson's site.

Library Trust Report (Linda Hopkins via email):

- The Library Trust has received donations of $20,000.
- They have released $79,000 to the Library District for the SECC.
- A September 10th fundraising event is planned sponsored by FOL, the Library Trust, the Board of Trustees, and the Capital Campaign Steering Committee.

Book Sale Update (Robin Gard):

- Book Sale coordination transitioning over to Robyn continues to go smoothly.
- There will be a warehouse winnowing, mostly children's books, happening with DreamBooks soon.
- The current plan is to bring books left over from the September Book Sale back to the warehouse. Sunday book sale hours will remain from 12-4. Kathy continues to be in contact with DreamBooks to see if staffing may allow a pick up by them after the sale.
- Recruiting for a potential Warehouse Coordinator volunteer is still in the works.
- Tentative date discussed for Holiday Book Sale - 11/21 at Harmony Library. Robin to follow up.

Online Book Sale Update (Kathy Marquis):

- We're selling lots of books online!

MOD Squad Update (Robert Micek):

- Membership donations are doing well. We received a $5,000 donation (!) that will be booked next month; we'll be at 100% of budgeted membership revenue soon.
- Development of marketing strategies for book sales, online book sales, membership and donations is planned soon.
- Emma has reached out for volunteers to staff 2 upcoming outreach opportunities: New Belgium Book Swap on 8/23 and the Farmer's Market on 9/5.

Unfinished Business:

Board Assessment/Retreat – Kathy Marquis

- Maggie is gathering performance measures, Kathy is developing a Board survey and Monica will help plan a retreat to discuss findings. A potential retreat date is Saturday, 11/14.

Data Privacy Policy – Robert Micek

- Robert has revised and simplified the policy and it is available for review on the Google Drive. We will vote at the September meeting. He will send out a link to the document.
- Robert is developing procedures based on the policy, including annual audits of the various technology platforms we use.

New Volunteer Google Doc – Robert Micek

- Robert has created a Google spreadsheet and process for managing and reaching out to volunteer candidates for our various jobs. He will send the document and process out to the identified leads of each job area (ie, Book Sale Volunteers, Webster Sorters and Transporters, Lincoln Sorters, Online Listers, Online Shippers) for their review.

New Business:

Reports from Library Staff – Kathy Marquis

- The FOL Board would be interested in learning about: Summer Adventure results, programs that FOL supports, Reader Advisory, Collections Review

Dreambooks Tours – Kathy Marquis

- People are interested in attending; coordinating a time is the challenge! She will investigate an October tour.

Maggie distributed a copy of the 2025 Annual Report to board members.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 5:20 pm. Next meeting is 9/15/26, 4 pm, at Harmony Library.

Respectfully submitted by Maggie McDonald, Secretary