Poudre River Friends of the Library Monthly Board Meeting
Harmony Library
September 15, 2026

Board Members Present:

X	Kathy Marquis, President		Char Micek, Member at Large
X	Robin Gard, Past President		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	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	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:

Call to Order: Kathy called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
Monica moved, Robyn seconded, and the minutes from 08/18/26 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report (Maya Curtis):

- We received a $5000 donation in August!
- Online sales continue to do well.
- The 7-month CD at FNBO for ~ $27k will mature on September 26. Maya will renew for another 7 month period.
- The Library will invoice FOL for the first installment of the $100,000 SECC donation. It will be paid by the end of 2026.
- Robin responded to WaterPik's questions about our grant application. We should hear in October whether we receive the grant
- Kathy will set up a meeting including Robert and Selena to formalize a process for how we handle donations and donors.

Library District Report (Selena Paulsen):

- We will have a presentation about the results of the 2026 Summer Reading Adventure in October.
- The Library District received at $35,000 grant from the Boettcher Foundation for the SECC capital campaign.

Library District Board of Trustees Report (Vicki Woods):

- Vicki reported that the Library District received a clean audit report for 2025.
- The Board of Trustees continues its review of policies.

Library Trust Report (Linda Hopkins):

- The September 10th fundraiser sponsored by the Library District Capital Campaign Committee, the Board of Trustees, the Library Trust and the Friends of the Library graciously hosted by Wes and Trudy Sargent at their home had raised $45,000 to date, with more expected.
- The Trust has accessed ~$400,000 from the NoCo Foundation to support the SECC.

Book Sale Update (Robyn Potter):

- Robyn officially has the clipboard; all is set for the upcoming sale!

Online Book Sale Update (Kathy Marquis):

- We recently sold a $600 art book on eBay!
- We are looking for more Amazon listers to keep up with the piles of donated books.

MOD Squad Update (Robert Micek, Emma Severson):

- Robert reported we've had great response to our Book Sales ads – 500 responses and 100 reactions. We are over target for memberships and donations are doing well.
- Robert will send a link to the simplified Data Management policy out to the Board for review.
- Kathy, Liz and Robert will clarify the recruitment process documents.
- Emma reported outreach events at New Belgium and the Farmer's Market. Upcoming events include Trunk or Treat and Open Streets FC.

Unfinished Business:

November 14 Board Retreat – Monica Gavin

- The retreat will be held on Saturday, 11/14, 9am-1pm in the Collins Room at Visit Fort Collins in Old Town. Lunch will be provided.

Fort Collins Reads – Robin Gard

- Robin distributed the email received from a group of concerned citizens against the book choice of Fort Collins Reads and FOL's co-sponsorship of the event, and Kathy's response on behalf of the Board, which states, "the Poudre River Friends of the Library is a long time supporter of the Fort Collins Reads program. Our role is to provide funding, and to encourage participation, which is consistent with our mission to support local literacy efforts. However, we have no input on their selections nor any part of their programs, nor is it our role to comment on them."

Board Assessment – Kathy Marquis, Maggie McDonald

- Kathy is developing a survey and Maggie has gathered financial data which will be discussed at the 11/14 retreat. Robert will gather annual numbers related to members, donors and Google analytics and Emma will provide this for outreach events
- Starting at the next board meeting, Kathy will distribute a log for board members to record their volunteer hours over the past month, as a way to more accurately report volunteer hours.

Phil Sullivan Volunteer Award Ceremony – Robin Gard, Monica Gavin

- Robin and Monica reported on the Colorado Association of Libraries Award Ceremony for Volunteer of the Year with Phil Sullivan, this year's well-deserving winner. Phil gave a funny and heartwarming speech and was given a beautiful cut glass award. He was the hit of the party! The Board will also have a celebration for Phil, to be determined soon.

The 2026 Annual Meeting will be December 8, 2026. Specifics to come.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 5:06 pm. Next meeting is 10/20/26, 4 pm, at Harmony Library.

Respectfully submitted by Maggie McDonald, Secretary