

Friends of the Crystal Falls District Community Library
Thursday, August 28, 2025, 10am

Present: Janet Wagner, Joan Kupchynsky, James Jackson, Mary Ann Keil, Margaret Padilla, guest Evelyn Gathu

1. Call to order: Janet called the meeting to order at 10:00am.
2. Agenda Building: items added under Future Events
3. Approval minutes from previous meeting: Joan moved, Mary Ann seconded, to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2025 Annual Meeting as delivered. M/C. Jim moved, Mary Ann seconded, to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2025 email meeting. M/C.
4. Treasurer's Report (Jim)
 - Joan moved, Janet seconded, to approve the Fiscal Year (2024-2025) End Report as presented. M/C.
 - Mary Ann moved, Joan seconded, to approve the July 2025 Financial report as presented. M/C.
 - Blank check photo: Friends donated \$8927.71 to the Library this past year. Will schedule photo op with big check and members of the Library staff and Friends for submission to I.C. Reporter.
 - Jim moved, Joan seconded, to purchase an ad in the I. C. Reporter thanking all sponsors and donors for this year's Summer Reading Program. M/C. Jim will work with Evelyn on the ad.
5. Old Business
 - Reports
 - Library improvements: Mary Ann & Janet reported on progress of plans for future library improvements. Consensus of those involved is that the Friends have done all they can to gather information for the Library Board and agree it is time to step back and let the Board proceed with this project.
 - Mail Drop-update: Mary Ann reported she is working with City of Crystal Falls to purchase and renovate their old ballot drop box. Will contact Lachapelle Construction about the slab and ask Williams Redi Mix to donate the concrete.
 - Ice Cream Social: Mary Ann reported on a successful event. Donations equaled \$94.31.
 - Book/bake sale: Peg and Mary Ann reported on a successful event.
 - Peg moved, Jim seconded, to purchase two more 4' folding tables. M/C. (Peg will purchase)
 - Agreed to focus requests for baked goods from Friends to three events during the year. (Booksale/Bakesale, Applicious Bake Sale,

Cookie Walk.) Will reimburse Evelyn for goodies purchased as treats for other library events. Mary Ann and Peg will get an announcement out to Friends about this change.

6. New Business

- Bylaws questions: addressed questions Mary Ann had about Friends bylaws because of upcoming vacancies on the Friends board next June. Will add information about serving on the board to an all Friends meeting in October.
- Friends Surveys: Peg received five surveys in response to request for volunteer information. Surveys given to Janet for follow up.
- New Friends article: Mary Ann presented an article encouraging new members to join the Friends. Agreed to submit it with the Check photo to the I.C. Reporter.
- T-shirts/Aprons: Peg submitted pictures and quotes from Black Dog Printing for T-shirts (\$13) and Aprons (\$19) with the Friends Logo.
 - Jim moved, Joan seconded, to purchase 15 aprons. Six will be kept for use by volunteers during events. The rest will be for sale for \$25 each. M/C.
 - Agreed to hold off on buying t-shirts for now. Will special order if requested.
 - Peg will check about having totes printed with the Friends logo.
- Schedule Friends meeting/Halloween book stickers:
Thursday, October 16, 2025, 9:30am.

7. Future events

- National Read a Book Day: Mary Ann reported on plans for Book Walk on September 6, 2025, 10-11:00am.
- Scarecrow Contest: Mary Ann reported on Friends submission to the Alpha Scarecrow contest. Will send an email to Friends when the date for construction of the scarecrow will take place.
- Apple Pie sale: Mary Ann reported on a new Friends fundraiser called the Appicious Bake Sale scheduled for September 27, 2025 from 9-11:00am. All apple related baked goods will be accepted. More information to follow.
- Halloween Bash scheduled for October 25, 2025 from 3-5:00pm.
- Ladies Night Out: date TBA. Agreed to purchase up to \$100 worth of books to give as gifts to ladies who attend the event.
- Cookie Walk: scheduled for December 20, 2025.
- Evelyn: reported on two grants she has received of \$500 each toward Summer Reading expenses.
 - Presented \$500 grant application to Iron Area Health Fund for Story Hour expenses. Will work with Janet on completing the application and sending it in on behalf of the Friends.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg

Peg Padilla, Secretary, FOCFDCL