

Friends of the Crystal Falls District Community Library
Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 11:00 am. Library Conference Room

Present: Janet Wagner, Maureen Elson, Mary Ann Keil, Margaret Padilla, James Jackson (via phone)

1. Call to order: Janet called the meeting to order at 11:02am.
2. Agenda Building: item added to the agenda under Future Events
3. Approval of minutes from December 1, 2025 meeting: Mary Ann moved, Maureen seconded, to approve the minutes from the Dec. 1, 2025 meeting. M/C.
4. Financial Report: Jim presented financial report. After questions, he will make changes to be approved at the next meeting.
5. Old Business
 - Book Drop-update: Mary Ann and Maureen presented information and quotes for the Book Drop project, including delivery of the box, fabrication of ballards and pouring of concrete pad. Quote from Kingsley in CA of \$5800 for Book Drop. Quote from Crystal Steel House for ballards of \$500. Chris Ponchard will submit a quote for the concrete pad.
 - Maureen moved, Janet seconded, to authorize the purchase of the Book Drop container from Kingsley. M/C. Mary Ann will order and upon receipt of the invoice Peg will send the payment.
 - Maureen will attend the next Library Board meeting (January 26) to get approval to proceed with installing the Book Drop.
 - Peg will contact Margie Surface about the possibility of dedicating the Book Drop to her husband Bob Surface and using memorial monies donated in his name to help defray the costs.
 - Reports: December events
 - Authorpalooza: Peg reported on the Authorpalooza event
 - Movie: Peg reported poor turnout for movie, probably due to cold weather. Discussed talking with Ryan O'Grady to be consulted about the choice of movie next year.
 - Cookie Walk: Mary Ann, Maureen and Peg reported on successful Cookie Walk event. Suggest begin advertizing earlier in December next year.
 - Year End Solicitation Letter: Peg will contact Lilly to include this year's Solicitation Letter on the website.
 - T-shirts: Peg reported on negligible response from Friends for FOL T-shirts.

6. New Business

- Future events
 - February “National Love Your Library” month. Mary Ann reported plans for an interactive poster board and drawing. (See attached recap)
 - Valentine’s Day: Mary Ann reported schedule for events on February 14. (See attached recap)
 - 10am , Story Hour
 - 11:30am , Bingo
 - 2pm, Puzzle Contest
 - Discussed ways to get more young people, especially middle school aged, reading more. Maureen presented the idea of a book mobile lending library at the school. After conversation with Evelyn, she (Maureen) will proceed with plans to offer this beginning in February. (See attached recap.)
 - March “pi day” : March 14 the Library will host a Foucault Brothers concert. Friends will bake pies to be served as refreshments after the concert.
 - Humongous Fungus Fest: August 1, 2026. Jim moved, Mary Ann seconded to approve the rental of the tent for the annual Book Sale. M/C. Maureen will take care of this.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg

Peg Padilla, Secretary FOCFDCL