

Friends of the Crystal Falls District Community Library
Annual Meeting, June 1, 2026, 10am, St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Present: Janet Wagner, James Jackson, Mary Ann Keil, Maureen Elson, Margaret Padilla, Jan Rubens, Debbie Deuter, Nancy Hronkin Force, Chuck Blum, Ann Blum, Pat Olson, Vinnie Liscomb, Terri Takala, Lois Groop, Donna Anderson, Carol Foucalt, Val Novak, Heather Strong, Curtis Oja, Larry Fields, Tammy Fields, Stephanie Ackles.

1. Call to order: Janet called the meeting to order at 10:06am.
2. Remembering Joan: Janet shared tribute to our Friend and Past Vice President, Joan Kupchynsky, who died in May. The Friends have received many gifts in Joan's memory. The Board is exploring options to for a permanent memorial to her at the library.
3. Board officer elections: reported on results of election of officers.
Maureen Elson was elected President for a 2yr. term.
Mary Ann Keil was elected Secretary for a 2 yr. term.
Jan Rubens was elected to complete the remaining 1yr term of Vice President.
Janet Wagner and Peg Padilla have completed their 6yr terms.
Tiaras for service presented to Janet and Peg. Also to incoming President Maureen.
4. Financial Report: Jim presented the financial report for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Report was accepted and placed on file.
5. Old Business/Ongoing Projects and Activities: Peg reported on:
 - Book Drop, informed those present of the progress on the Book Drop to be located behind the library and dedicated in memory of Bob Surface. Memorial plaque has been made. Waiting for installation of book drop by the end of June. Ribbon cutting ceremony will be announced.
 - Merchandise Sales: demonstrated new t-shirts, aprons and totes available with the Friends Logo.
 - Friends Website: announced Lilly Murray at the library has taken over maintenance of the Friends website.
6. Events: Maureen distributed forms for Friends to update contact information and indicate events they would be willing to help with in the coming year.
Mary Ann reviewed events of the past year and discussed future events.
Highlights:
 - Ice Cream Social: give out ice cream and bottled water after the Bass Festival parade. Popular event. Ice Cream donated by Crystal Fresh Market. Will participate this year, July 11, 2026.
 - Annual Used Book Sale: Our largest fund-raising event, each year during Humungous Fungus Fest. New location on side street with tent very successful. This year's event August 1, 2026.

- Bake Sale during Book Sale: poor turnout of baked goods. Will not hold this year.
- Book Walk: new event. Successful. Will continue with only the weekday event.
- Apple-licious Bake Sale: very successful. Will repeat, possibly moving date to October.
- Alpha Scarecrow Contest: our scarecrow won first prize. Will participate if event is held again next year.
- Halloween Book Bash: held during Candy Bash each year. Very successful. Will participate next year.
- Ladies Night Out: New event. Very successful with about 80 attending. Will participate this year on Wednesday, November 18, 2026.
- Cookie Walk Bake Sale: very successful. This year's event Saturday, December 19, 2026, 10am-1pm.
- I Love My Library display: new this year, good response from public. Will repeat next year.
- Valentine's Day events: morning Story Hour, afternoon Bingo and evening Puzzle Contest. Minimal community participation but still a fun time. Other suggestions for events include Word Games and Board Games. Date TBA since Valentine's Day is on a Sunday next year.
- Pi Day: new event, successful. About 20 people attended. A suggestion for another type of pie: pizza. Will announce date since March 14 is a Sunday next year.
- Spring Into Summer Ladies Night: new event. Very successful. About 45 attended. Will repeat.
- Miscellaneous events were discussed. Suggestion for new events include Christmas In July.

7. Board Membership: Maureen explained the commitment involved in being a member of the Friends Board. Encouraged any Friends to consider becoming at-large members. (Responses from Terri Takala and Stephanie Ackles)

8. Open discussion continued in small groups during lunch provided by FOCFDCL. The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg

Peg Padilla, Secretary, FOCFDCL