

**FRIENDS OF THE SPIRIT LAKE LIBRARY**  
**March 11, 2025**

Meeting called to order by President Dori Lippon. (Treats from Cindy!)

**Present:** Amy Dissmeyer, Krista Elmquist, Dori Lippon, Judy Weipert, Jan Purdy, Sandy Ladegaard, Steve Sievert, Leah Streeter, and Jan McDonald.

**Minutes** read by Judy Weipert. Correction to previous minutes to include Jan McDonald in attendance. Approved with that correction Ladegaard/Purdy

**Financial Report:**

Expenditures \$12,083.53; Revenue \$22,703.62. Approved Sievert/Streeter

**Children's Services Report:**

There are numerous events which we will partner with the Milford and Arnolds Park libraries, including IPTV with STEAM at Central Park on June 3; RAD Zoo (reptiles and amphibians) program on June 4 at PLAC; Magician Jonathan May on June 11 at PLAC; Program on the Iditarod's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 13 at the Milford Community Room; Boernsen Bees program on June 17; Stomp, Chomp, Roar (dinosaurs) program on June 19 at PLAC. Summer Reading Program at SLPL kicks off their summer theme of GAMES – 'Level Up at Your Library' on May 28 with 2 movie showings at the Milford Theater; Pokemon and sports card trading cards program on June 24; Carnival night on June 25 complete with a possible dunk tank and ice cream machine; Game Show Party on June 30 at PLAC.

- Nothing has been done with the Bluey costume yet, but there are a few ideas still floating around.
- Wishlist: \$750.00 to help pay for the Summer Reading Program grand prizes was approved by the Friend. Purdy/Sievert
- Movie License: \$550.00 will be paid to add a larger data base. Approved Ladegaard/Weipert

**Reports and Discussion:**

We welcomed our new library director, Amy Dissmeyer, who took questions from those present regarding a variety of subjects. She is working on the collections and rearranging things with the goal to give the children's area more space. Her wishlist included Hoopla, Adult Summer Reading and Baskets.

- Hoopla. Cost is \$370.00/month and people can only check out 4 items per month. Adding more cash would assist more patrons who wish to check out items. Tabled.
- Adult Summer Reading. This will be an added program with incentives for parents who bring their children to the library. One drawing per week for a potential prize.
- Baskets. A rendering of plastic tote baskets was shown for patrons to use who check out numerous books. The basket would have the Friends logo and would be checked out and returned by the patrons.

\$800.00 was suggested to help pay for the Adult Summer Reading prize and the baskets.

Approved Purdy/McDonald

Adjournment. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at noon.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Weipert, Secretary