FRIENDS OF THE SPIRIT LAKE LIBRARY
July 15, 2025

Meeting called to order by Jan McDonald, who was filling in for President Dori Lippon. (Treats from Amy!)

Present: Amy Dissmeyer, Krista Elmquist, Judy Weipert, Jan Purdy, Sandy Ladegaard, Steve Sievert, Julie Gibson, Mary Lou Clarke, Karen Eichner, and Jan McDonald.

Minutes read by Judy Weipert. Approved Sievert/Clarke

Financial Report:
   Receipts $33,970.87; Expenditures $114,416.22   Approved Ladegaard/Purdy

Children's Services Report:
   We continue to partner with the Milford and Arnolds Park libraries which is beneficial to all parties! The donated grand prizes have been displayed on top of the shelves and are an incentive to keep reading. Bridges Bay passes were also donated and are a hit. Bluey story time will be held on July 23 at 10:30. The library can always use extra help for that.

Director's Report:
   Adult Summer Reading has been successful with 20 to 30 readers each week. Five prizes have been given out so far. The plastic tote baskets have not been purchased yet as she is still weighing options as to cost, etc.
   The three libraries have purchased and added the website ancestry.com to our library offerings. It can only be used in the library.
   The art installation on the back wall by the children's area is in the works. This will be a place to list the names of the children who read 1000 books before kindergarten.

Wish List:
* The Bookpage Subscription renews in October at $420 for 50 issues, a few of which we share with the other libraries. After discussion it was agreed to renew for another year. Approved Gibson/Clarke
* Card Tables: The card tables are in bad shape and the Friends agreed to purchase 4 new tables that fold up with handles attached. Approved Purdy/Eichner

Discussion about how important access to a library is to our population and we all need to tell the story so that we don't lose that privilege.

Adjournment. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at noon.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Weipert, Secretary