

FRIENDS OF THE SPIRIT LAKE LIBRARY
September 15, 2025

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

Present: Amy Dissmeyer, Krista Elmquist, Judy Weipert, Jan Purdy, Julie Gibson, Mary Lou Clarke, Jan McDonald, and new member Laura Callahan (welcome, Laura!)

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Presentation:

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the implementation of the art installation on the back wall just South of the children's area. The beautiful art work will carry on the theme that was started in the children's area. A mock up drawing was presented to the group along with a power point detailing information about the installation. It is hoped that this installation will be a place to list the names of the children who read 1000 books before kindergarten. It was stated that in 2024 only 14 children of the 823 children ages 0-5 in Dickinson County graduated from the 1000 books program. Amy and Krista pointed out the value of the program to Spirit Lake, including significant recognition of Nan McClernon and Senor Cliff Hinderman, two Spirit Lake residents who have died and made our library a beneficiary in their wills. Total costs for the installation estimated to be from \$17,650 to \$18,800. Time line includes rearranging the books, moving shelving, repairing and painting, installation, and the public unveiling.

It was agreed that the project will be a positive for our library and the city of Spirit Lake, and since the Friends group has money in their account to cover the cost, a motion was made by Julie Gibson and seconded by Mary Lou Clarke to cover the costs of this installation. Motion carried unanimously. The project will be kept under wraps for now so that Amy and Krista can create excitement leading up to the public unveiling.

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

Respectfully submitted, Judy Weipert, Secretary