

FOCCL Board Meeting Minutes

Day: Monday

Date: March 17, 2025

Time: Beginning at 1:03 p.m.

Location: **Browsers Corner Book Store**

711 E. Washington Street, Carson City, NV 89701

1. Call to Order

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

The meeting was called to order by President Betts Markle at 1:03 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Betts Markle, President of FOCCL, Joseph Modarelli, Past President of FOCCL, Deb Case, Vice President, Phillip Patton, Treasurer, Lisa Buder, Book Store Manager, Susan Matthes, Chair of the Finance Committee, Joy Holt, Director of the Carson City Library, and Mary Lee, Secretary. Betts determined that there was a quorum.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. For Possible Action - Approval of the Executive Board Meeting Minutes for 2-17-25.

Joe moved and Susan seconded approval for the 2-17-25 Executive Board Meeting Minutes. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

4. For Possible Action - Friends of the Carson City Library Business

- a. ***For Possible Action*** - Presentation, discussion, and possible action on the Treasurer's Financial Position and Income/Expense to date for CY 2025.

Sales of books have continued to be above the budgeted amount. All the cameras and video equipment have been paid for. A new backup battery is needed for the alarm system. It has been several years since this battery was last replaced.

- b. ***For Possible Action*** - Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Report of the Carson City Library, showing progress for each project and successes during the Library fiscal year.

The Library wrapped up the Winter Reading Program at the end of January. It ran from mid-December until then. It was timed to start when school children started their winter break. The goal was 200,000 minutes read and totaled 460,000 minutes read. This program has continued to grow. This year's total was almost three times the minutes read in 2017.

The Capital City Reads program will read Solito by Javier Zamora this April. The Friends pay for the books purchased for this program. Last year the Library purchased 250 copies of the book, A Gentleman in Moscow for the Capital City Reads program.

The Summer Reading Program will be from June to August this year. The Library will prepare its request for funding for fiscal year 2026 in April. The Library will be requesting additional funds for purchasing e-books and audio books through Libby. The Library's request will be similar to previous ones.

The Library keeps a list of the books with the highest circulation and will share that list with the Book Store.

There was discussion about how the Library handles unhoused persons in light of a recent Supreme Court Case, *Grants Pass vs. Johnson*, filed by a Homeless Advocacy Group from Grants Pass Oregon. The Supreme Court reversed the decision of the 9th Circuit Court. The Supreme Court issued its ruling siding with Grants Pass, saying that it is not cruel or unusual punishment to penalize people for living outdoors, even if they have nowhere else to go.

- c. ***For Possible Action*** - Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Publicity Task Force.

There is a large display in the Library featuring books from the Bookstore.

A page for author events has been added to the Website. A volunteer, Brenda Gundell will help set up the room for author events. Authors have been selected to speak about their books for every month except August. It is hoped that Todd Borg will speak then.

- 5. Information Only - Friends of the Carson City Library and Committee Reports.
 - a. Information Only – Discussion regarding replacement of cameras and wiring
All the cameras have been installed. There are sides of two shelves that need to be removed in the backroom because they block the camera's view. Phil agreed to take care of this.
 - b. Information Only - Report on Browsers Corner Book Store
There are two new volunteers in the Book Store. One had volunteered in the past. The store continues to have sales above the weekly targeted amount. The half price sale will be held soon. The anniversary of the Book Store in the current building will be held in April with a cake. It is celebrating 11 years in this location. Next year the Friends of the Carson City Library will celebrate their 60th anniversary.

c. Information Only – Executive Board and Committee Reports

The Finance Committee meeting with Tim Sullivan of Edward Jones has been postponed since he was ill.

6. For Possible Action - Adjournment

The next Board Meeting will be on April 21, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Joe moved for adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Copies of the approved Minutes will be made available at Browsers Corner Book Store, located at 711 E. Washington Street, Carson City, NV 89701, on the store's website,

<https://www.friendscclibrary.org> or by contacting friendsinfo@friendscclibrary.org.