

Paonia Friends of the Library  
Board Meeting  
June 13, 2025

Members Present: Pam Stephens, Laura Major, David Weber, Teresa Shishim, Judy Livingston  
Guests: LaDonna Gunn, Arthur Harriman

- I. Call Meeting to Order  
Stephens called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm
- II. Changes to Agenda  
Major requested we discuss the date for the next meeting and sale of the lawnmower and weedwacker.
- III. Introduce guests  
Guests were District Director LaDonna Gunn and Library Manager Arthur Harriman.
- IV. February Minutes  
Shism moved and Major seconded that February minutes be approved. The motion carried.
- V. Landscaping:  
Major reported that three landscaping firms applied for the landscaping maintenance. North Fork Nursery said they felt they could control the weeding for \$359/mo at once a week or \$250/mo for once every two weeks. They are currently doing the spring cleanup, but will give us a bill when they are finished.  
Eric Baumheier of High Mountain Gardens took a look at the irrigation controller and found one wrong setting. He said he would get to me with a quote for redoing the irrigation in the north east garden.  
Noah Arneson of Higher Grounds Maintenance said he could do the weeding for \$40/hr.  
Aaron Byrum of Clearwater Designs (he did the west garden) said that if we couldn't find anyone else, he could probably find some people to do the work under his insurance.  
Shism moved and Weber seconded that we hire North Fork Nursery and pay them for what they've done so far. The motion carried.  
Gunn needs a copy of their insurance papers. She also needs a copy of the insurance papers from ClearCreek, the company that mows the lawn.  
  
Tree Trimming  
DMEA should trim the cottonwood in the front, as soon as it gets closer to the wires. Gunn would like the rest of the trees trimmed.
- VI. Fence  
Leah and Steve Morris and Lesandre Holiday are cleaning and oiling the fence in front of the library today. They'll give us invoices for product when they're done.

VII. District Director's Report

The Summer Reading Program is still receiving money from requests and donations so the District doesn't yet need to ask us for money.

The District has been approached by DarkSkies, which has done an analysis and will give us report on whether the Library is in compliance. Paonia itself is not in compliance. But we have several years to get our lighting up to snuff.

VIII. Library Manager's Report

There were 65 people in attendance at Thursday's music by the Big Who.

There were 145 people at the summer reading kickoff. The Library has been getting a good response from the public.

Twenty-one (21) teenagers showed up for laser tag. Harriman has feedback from two people who said it was the most fun they'd had in the library.

So far, there is not a new manager for Crawford and Hotchkiss, so Harriman is still managing three libraries.

Harriman is working up a request for some funds from us for a cart to hold the new folding chairs and the collapsible tables. He would also like an outdoor trashcan and new furniture for the children and adult areas. Weber suggested he look into it and get the process started, since we now have the money.

IX. Treasurer's Report

The invoice from Clear Creek Landscape (lawn mowing) for last year's work didn't come until this year.

X. UBB accounts

Shism moved and Major seconded that we remove Judy Livingston from the bank accounts. We don't need four people on the accounts and Livingston is fine with this. The motion carried.

XI. Public Relations Report

Newsletter

Not everyone is getting the newsletter. This might have something to do with the number we send out at the same time. Klaviyo could be blacklisting some of the recipients. Shism will try something else.

Membership drive letter

We need to do a membership letter because income from memberships is way down. Stephens will help with stuffing. Weber will check that we have enough envelopes and stamps. We only have about 30 brochures left, so need to order new ones.

XII. Book Barn

We are overrun with donations and need to turn them off for a while on June 28. Thorup will be away until July 3, so Stephens will do the sorting. Crystal Pretorius is helping.

Boulder Book Rescue

Eric from the Book Rescue has not been responding to Thorup's emails. Probably he decided that his business model was unworkable. Consequently, there are many boxes of books that need to be donated. So if anyone is going to Delta (Salvation Army) or Grand Junction (Good Will) could they please take some boxes.

XIII. Cherry Days Book Sale

The book sale will be Friday, July 4, and Saturday July-5, from 10 -5.

Take down as usual at 5 pm after the sale, or 4 pm if it's really slow. Set-up is Thursday, July 3 at 4 pm. Lynn Mattingly will call for volunteers since Love is out of town. Shism will handle the flyers and has already asked the District to put the sale on their website. Weber will get the cash. Stephens will contact KVNF.

XIV. Umbrella & Shade Sails

The umbrella and shade sails have been acquired. There seems to be a weak point on one of the sail masts, so the sails might need to be reconfigured. Another mast is not in the correct place and needs to be moved.

XV. Officers

We need a VP, but there were not enough people at the meeting to ask.

XVI. Friends Groups Get Together.

At the last District meeting, Crawford said they were dropping the idea. The Delta Friends didn't respond to Hansen's outreach, because they weren't checking their email. Could be Crawford will revisit this in the future.

Harvest days-us the last weekend of September. Our next meeting is 9/5 at 12 noon.

XVII. Lawnmower and Weedwacker

Thorup suggested we sell the weedwacker and lawnmower, since they take up room in the tool barn and we don't need them anymore. Weber said they originally cost \$200 each, so we might get \$100 for each. Major has removed them to her garage to see if they work. So far, no luck, although she's cleaned the carburetor, replaced the sparkplug, and cleaned out the old gas. Could be she's too weak to put enough pull on the starter, being an old person.

XVIII. Adjourn

we adjourned at 1:05.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Major, Secretary