

Friends of the Russell Library Minutes  
Executive Committee Meeting  
March 6, 2025  
Russell Library Annex Building

Present: Sandy Becker, Barrie Robbins-Pianka, Laura Taft, Makiko Shinjo, Cathy Boone, Tisha Ferguson,  
and Jeff Dickey-Chasins  
Recorder: Tisha Ferguson

Call to Order 10:01 AM

Approval of agenda with additions

Approval of February 2025 minutes

President's Report

- Brew Bakers book prices have been updated by Joan.
- Welcome guest Jeff Dickey-Chasins, who will join the Executive Committee and take on a new role, covering Outreach and Publicity.
- Pondview Condos donation was done; waiting to hear from them again.
- Annual Meeting planning: possible dates are June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>. This year is an election year. Two months prior to the meeting, an announcement and call for nominations will go out to members. One month prior to the meeting, a second invitation will be sent, with list of continuing officers, and agenda for the meeting. Discussion of having a featured speaker, possibly from CT Humanities Council.
- How to increase the Friends visibility and membership; possible change of monthly meeting time, perhaps some evenings, to be discussed at the annual meeting.
- New printed material, Tisha will send to Sue Honer for printing, including lobby signs, posters. Bookmark TBA, pending confirmation of book sale dates.
- June Book Sale date moved to June 13-14, to avoid conflict with other events (Pride event)

Treasurer's Report

- Book Nook income has been increasing. Sales are on track to match last years'.
- CDs will mature in May.

Discussion and new business

- Discussion about the importance of continuity of succession of officers.
- Discussion of how to increase publicity and membership. Represent the Friends at library events, and on April 26<sup>th</sup> – table in lobby. Get the word out about the programs that the Friends help to support; possibly get the slide show from the 2024 Annual Meeting onto the web page.
- Request that our book sales be publicized in the library newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2025, 10:00 AM, Russell Library Annex Building

Respectfully submitted,  
Tisha Ferguson