

Friends of ImagineIF Libraries
Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2023
ImagineIF Library Kalispell

F. McAlister called the Friends of ImagineIF Libraries (FOIL) meeting to order at 12:00 PM with 12 members present.

Attendees: Roxie Lehl, Francy McAlister, Bonnie Gardner, Janice Kalvig, Adele Murphy, Cindy Roberts, Barb Boorman, Teri Dugan, Patti Young, Carmen Cuthbertson, Sharon Furlong, and Jill Carlberg.

Minutes from March Meeting – J. Carlberg, Secretary

Minutes were emailed after the last meeting to members. C. Roberts moved to approve; J. Kalvig seconded. Minutes were approved by all with no changes.

Treasurer's Report – R. Lehl standing in for M. Pannell, Treasurer

FOIL has a balance of \$9,849.67 in our account. We paid \$6000 for children's programming and had \$454 paid in dues and donations (a 20-book set of the Oxford English Dictionary was sold for \$300).

Marylane will be living out of state in the Winter going forward, so she would like to step down from the Treasurer position. If you are interested in being Treasurer for FOIL, please reach out.

Old Business

Book Sale –R. Lehl, Vice President

Our Annual Book Sale will be held September 15-17 this Fall at the mall. Set-up will be held on September 14. We have moved the sorted books into storage and the cabin is now full again!

We need help sorting books! We will hold three book sorts on Wednesdays—April 26, May 3, and May 10—from 11-12. We have a lot of books. Please mark your calendar and come help out!

Looking ahead at the book sale, Francy noted that we should check out high schools for help and Glacier Bank.

Membership – R. Lehl, Vice President

We have one new member. Adele mentioned that she has been attending Tuesday Story Time at the Kalispell Library to spread the word about FOIL and interest the mothers that attend with their children.

Committee Reports

Homebound Program – No updates

The program has stable patrons and volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to deliver and pick up books and other materials from the library to someone who needs help, please call one of the program's coordinators listed below:

Michele Tohtz, Kalispell Homebound Coordinator, [406.871.1533](tel:406.871.1533)

Marylane Pannell, Kalispell Homebound Coordinator, [406.871.7613](tel:406.871.7613)

Spring Forward with ImagineIF – J. Carlberg

Our new Spring Event is planned for Sunday, May 21 from 1-3pm (Set-up at 12:30; breakdown at 3:00). The day is shaping up nicely. The library will be hosting a number of fun activities:

- Story time
- Obstacle course
- Story strolls
- Making seed packages
- Flower making
- Bubble machine

We will have water and soda available along with treats, homemade baked goods, and ice cream donated by Kalispell Kreamery.

Sharon has confirmed that we have two high school students to staff the face painting table. Many thanks to Kelli Higgins from the ImagineIF Foundation Board for helping us connect with them! In addition, Foundation Board President, Sara Busse, will be there to represent the Foundation at their table.

Thank you to all who have volunteered! If you interested in being involved in any capacity, please contact Jill at jillmt60@gmail.com.

Everyone, keep your fingers crossed for good weather. It is going to be a wonderful day to celebrate our public libraries. Please spread the word and we look forward to seeing you there!

ImagineIF Library – T. Dugan, Office Manager, ImagineIF Libraries

Teri expressed ImagineIF's thanks for FOIL's recent \$6,000 donation to support Children's programs. Some of the staff went to the Montana Library Convention and had an enjoyable experience there. Other libraries in Montana share the same challenges that we do in Flathead County, and yet, all have their own distinct personalities.

ImagineIF Foundation – S. Furlong, Friends of ImagineIF Libraries Board representative

Executive Director Adam Tunnell has recently resigned for personal and professional reasons. The Foundation Board met recently to discuss how to move forward. They may try to get a facilitator to work with them as they have a number of things happening. They need to continue focusing on fundraising for Bigfork as the RFP has gone out for the building construction work.

New Business

Book Club – Various members

At the last meeting, the club discussed “The Rent Collector” by Cameron Wright. The next book is “Say Nothing: A True story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland” by Patrick Radden and Matthew Blaney and it will be discussed on May 9 at 3 PM at the Kalispell Library. For the full list of books, visit: www.imagineifffriends.com/get-involved

Mark your Calendars:

Next FOIL Meeting: May 18 at noon in the meeting room at ImagineIF Kalispell. No meetings will be held in June and July; we will hold a meeting on August 17.

ImagineIF Trustees Meeting: April 27 at South Campus Conference Room (40 11th Street W in Kalispell) at 9:00 AM

Spring Forward Festival: Sunday, May 21. Set-up at 12:30; 1-1:30 Walkers meet at Library; 1:30 Walk begins; 1:30-3:00 Festival; 3:00 Event Breakdown.

Annual Book Sale: September 15-17; Set-up on September 14.

Francy adjourned the meeting.

Jill Carlberg, Friends of ImagineIF Libraries, Secretary