

Friends of ImagineIF Libraries
Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2023
ImagineIF Library Kalispell

F. McAlister called the Friends of ImagineIF Libraries (FOIL) meeting to order at 12:02 PM with 13 members present and two guests.

Attendees: Roxie Lehl, Francy McAlister, Bonnie Gardner, Janice Kalvig, Cindy Roberts, Patti Young, Carmen Cuthbertson, Pam Haglund, Jackie Zelman, Kaysee Sklany, Charlene Hazlett, Jane Wheeler, Jill Carlberg, Ashley Cummins, and Becca Johnson.

Minutes from March Meeting – J. Carlberg, Secretary

Minutes were emailed after the last meeting to members. B. Gardner moved to approve; C. Hazlett seconded. Minutes were approved by all with no changes.

Treasurer's Report – M. Pannell, Treasurer

FOIL has a balance of \$9856.32 in our account. We paid Insty Prints for materials related to the upcoming Spring Forward event.

With Marylane stepping down as Treasurer, Laura Hill volunteered to take the position. She is out of state every other month, so she and Marylane will work closely over the next few months. C. Hazlett motioned to elect Laura Hill as Treasurer; P. Haglund seconded. All members were in favor. Thank you Marylane for all of your hard work and Laura for taking this important position!

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 finished sorting all the books during our three book sorts and will be moving books to storage after the Spring Forward Festival. Book drop-offs are only at the cabin now. We will have more drop-off sites closer to the Sale.

Committee Reports

Membership – R. Lehl, Vice President

We have one new member.

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 12:00; breakdown at 3:00). The day is shaping up nicely. If the weather is good (and it was), we will move forward on all of our plans for the day. Thank you everyone for volunteering. As these minutes are going out after the Festival, a recap of the event will be sent separately.

ImagineIF Library –A. Cummins, Executive Director, ImagineIF Libraries

The Library is excited about the Summer Experience and Spring Forward Festival. They are still looking for a new location for the Kalispell Branch and no decisions have been made yet.

B. Johnson – Librarian, Youth Services Team, ImagineIF Libraries

Becca wanted FOIL to know how much they appreciate and depend on the money that FOIL provides every year. Our fund raising supports their Literacy Programs which include hands-on and interactive activities after Story Time. Story Time includes reading, songs, moving and dancing. After that, the children have a “free choice” time where they can select from a number of different activities, such as an art project, sensory tub, creating with blocks. Kids and families love it and it’s not possible without Friends.

On June 10 at 1:00 PM, there will be a kick-off party for the Summer Experience at The Ark building in Bigfork, which will include a storyteller, face painting, and more. Sign-up for Summer Experience begins on June 12 in each of ImagineIF’s three locations. Summer Experience offers activities for children from birth through age 10 as well as teens.

ImagineIF Foundation – No Updates

Sharon Furlong is our representative on the Foundation Board and will be transitioning to be a regular member of the Board. If you are interested in becoming the FOIL Representative on the Foundation Board, please let us know.

Book Club – Various members

At the last meeting, the club discussed “Say Nothing: A True story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland” by Patrick Radden and Matthew Blaney. The Club members also voted on the books for the new season, which they agreed to extend one month. The next season will be from September 2023 through June 2024. The new list of books contains fiction, non-fiction, and classics. The full list will be shared in the coming months.

Old Business

New officers – F. McAllister, President

We are seeking new officers for our three other positions – President, Vice President, and Secretary. Please consider taking on one of these roles. If you want to discuss any of the positions, please reach out.

Library Trustees Board Meeting – F. McAllister

FOIL needs someone to speak about our activities at the upcoming Board Meeting on May 25. Francy to reach out to members.

FOIL Shelf in the Library – F. McAllister

Francy raised the possibility of having space in the library in Kalispell for Friends to put up a shelf and sell books. Ashley supported the idea and wanted some time to consider where it could be located, and we would need to agree how to handle the pricing (could be simply the honor system to keep any new responsibility of library staff to a minimum). All present liked the idea and thinks it is something that Friends should be doing. L. Hill made amotion that if the library can provide a space for our shelf, that Friends will keep an updated supply of books there. C. Hazlett seconded. All approved and none opposed. Details will be discussed and shared at our next meeting.

Mark your Calendars:

Next FOIL Meeting: August 17 at noon in the meeting room at ImagineIF Kalispell. No meetings will be held in June and July.

June 5 – Library All Staff Meeting. FOIL provides treats.

ImagineIF Trustees Meeting: May 25 at South Campus Conference Room (40 11th Street W in Kalispell) at 9:00 AM

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

Francy adjourned the meeting.

Jill Carlberg, Friends of ImagineIF Libraries, Secretary