



To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees
From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning
Date: 2/20/2024
Re: Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library met on 2/19 for their annual meeting. This is their first year as a merged group, so we are done with the co-officer positions now that the New Year is here.

New officers include Trevor Frank as President, Leanne Fiestadt as Vice-President, and Cindy Fallona as Secretary/Treasurer.

Many thanks to the following individuals who made the transition possible:

*Kathleen Bowman- Past Friends President
Al Borchardt- Past Friends Secretary/Treasurer
Kay Abel Past- Foundation Vice President
Grace Fuller- Past Foundation Treasurer
Sue Hennes- Past Foundation Secretary*

The Friends gifted the library with \$17,000 worth of programs and services in 2023. I would like to extend thanks to Communications Coordinator Schink for her instrumental work in fundraising in 2023. We attribute much success to her fundraising ideas and marketing.

The Friends have established that annual fundraisers for their organization will be the new cake decorating staff contest in April during National Library Week, the staff pumpkin-decorating contest in the fall, the library wishing tree, and an annual donation request letter.

The Friends are interested in establishing some named funds within the Community Foundation in different tracks. One of my overall goals for the year is to work on the development of the Friends group, so the financials are definitely a top priority. The group has also opted to look into CD's as an investment opportunity.

The next book sale is scheduled for April 27 through May 4 and will be a big one!