Friends of the MEMORIAL Ripon Library

Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2026 @ 5:00 pm at the Ripon Library Community Rm.

Present: Gary Sivley, Margaret Sivley, Kathy Gladden, Ted Johnston, Kim Welch, Amanda Clifford and Alicia Reynolds

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 5:02 pm by Gary Sivley

A. Approval of January 26, 2026 Annual Meeting Agenda, 1st by Kim and 2nd by Margaret. All Agreed.

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2025,1st by Ted and 2nd by Kathy, All Agreed.

C. Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2025, 1st by Ted and 2nd by Margaret, All Agreed.

D. Reading of Correspondence - Morgan Stanley donation received with a request of a response but not recognition. Gary has sent the thank you response .

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Approval of November & December's Treasurer's Reports. (previously shared). Reports approved 1st by Ted and 2nd by Kim, All Agreed.

B. Authorization to pay bills:

1. Gary Sivley: reimbursements for Website Costs of $232.46 (previously shared) Approved 1st by Ted and 2nd by Kim, All Agreed.
2. Gary Sivley: Blossom engraving for Melinda's work with the library $25.00, approved 1st by Kathy and 2nd by Ted, All Agreed.
3. For the record: Christmas gifts were approved for the library workers with an email vote 12/4/25 for up to the limit of $400.00 by Kim, Gary, Angie, Kathy, & Ted. Actual final cost was: Librarian Gift Card 4x $50.00, Installation and removal of the Christmas lights to Kurt Koop $100,00, and 10 x $5.00 gift cards for the library helpers. The total was $350.00.

3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

   A. Gary Sivley: We had a good year. The Main Street Day book sale was very successful, the Carpet Cleaning went off without a hitch, removed the theft deterrent system at the front door, and we helped with many library programs.

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Membership: Gary Sivley - We have 39 active 2026 members as of tonight. Book Sales: Margaret Sivley- Total book sales in 2025 $3,700.00

5. **LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

   A. See the supplied Librarian's Report. Malia is working to gather current Library photos to update the Library's website.
   B. Amanda is requesting assistance with updating the Library's computer functions. Such as the HDMI Connection and possible Smart TV. Amanda will check first with Stockton Library IT for their input as to what technology would be most beneficial to the Ripon Library.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

   A. The move of the librarian's office door is still in the bid process. Ted continues to follow this project.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

   A. Do we want to work with Clean and Dry on a maintenance plan? The bi-annual cost is currently $1,035.00. The decision was made to hold off until the May 2026 meeting and reconsider when the 6 month cleaning will be due.

   B. Election of new Board Members. Ballots were sent out to the active 37 members for a vote. A total of 13 ballots were returned without objection. The 2026 Ripon Friends of the Ripon Library Board Members are: Gary Sivley as President, Angie Beckler Vice President, Kim Welch Secretary, Kathy Gladden Treasurer
   C. Margaret is requesting $150.00 to take those who assisted with the book sales out to a thank you lunch. The request was 1st approved by Ted and 2nd by Kathy. All Agreed.
   D. Greet Magazine and Library Friends have agreed to award separate high school scholarships each year. Margaret will confirm 1st with Carrie Sweet of The Greet Magazine and then will reach out to the high schools.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Annual Meeting: January 25, 2027

   A. **Next Monthly Meetings: Tuesday March 3, 2026 – May 4, 2026 – July 6, 2026 – September 14, 2026 (Due to Labor Day) – November 2, 2026**
   B. The Meeting was Adjourned at 5:50 pm.