

Fund Development Committee Meeting August 14th, 2025 11:00am to 11:30am

The Fund Development Committee met via Zoom on Thursday, August 14th, at 11:00am. The meeting was officially called to order at 11:01am. Present were Tai Nixa Peterson (Committee Chair), Dan Groberg (Executive Director), Colleen Beamish (Development Manager), Hunter Thiers, Sarah Swift, and Craig Durham.

The agenda was approved by consent. Swift moved to approve the June Meeting Minutes, Thiers seconded. Motion carried.

Beamish went over the June and July development reports. Starting with June, we closed out the year very strong. Sponsorship asks are on hold until Beamish's replacement is found. Book sale has been going well and Groberg added that we exceeded our annual fundraising goal by 30% even without hitting the book sale fundraising goal. Traffic to the new location in the basement has been great and hopefully will increase profits from the sale this year. The donor recognition plaques in the Reading Room and in the basement stairwell are now up.

Kicking off the new fiscal year, we have raised a little over \$13K. The book shop has brought in just under \$3K so far. We are no longer restricting PoemCity anthology sales as we got clarification from our accountant that we do not need to restrict those funds to PoemCity programming. People are loving the new book shop. The August 13th intake event was a huge success with all shelves completely filled and backstock filled as well. In the future it may be good to restrict donation amounts or change the structure of book donations to appointment only. No major updates on grants for July.

Peterson started the discussion of Beamish's last day and her replacement. Peterson elicited comments from the committee as to what qualities we would like to see in the next Development Manager. In the past the FDC was involved in the interview process, everyone agreed that they would like to be a part of the interview process this time as well. Groberg confirmed initial interviews will be handled by himself, Carolyn, and Sarah W. Since the library is in the process of hiring the new Youth Librarian, he will try to capture FDC availability and then schedule interviews around that as is convenient for staff and the candidates.

Durham will be leaving the Board and this was his last FDC meeting. His replacement will be announced in the September meeting of the full Board. The next meeting of the full Bard will be September 17th at 5:00pm in person. The next meeting of the FDC will be in September with an exact date to be determined based on the hiring process for the new Development Manager. The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

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