



- Annual Report 2025 -

Board & Staff

MALF is led by a 9-member volunteer board of directors. Most have backgrounds as Friends or library staff, but we welcome candidates with a variety of credentials. Contact us at info@mnlibraryfriends.org for more information.

MALF Officers	Other Board Leaders	Board Departures (2025)
President: Janet Eaton	Edward Fagerlund	Sheila DeChantel
Vice President: Beth Nienow	Madeline Jarvis	
VP of Programs: Loretta Ellsworth	Catherine Fischer *	
Secretary: Karen Jacowitz	Robin Gillette *	
Treasurer: Barbara Beltrand		

**New members in 2025*

MALF's office management is provided by [Library Strategies Consulting Group](#). David Katz, MLIS (Administration & Program Consultant) handles the daily office duties, communications, and supports programming and other initiatives as needed.

2025 Activity Highlights

- Issued 20 newsy, Friends-specific eblasts to a subscriber base of 1,498 Friends across Minnesota, each with an open and click-thru rate exceeding industry averages.
- Continued all regular grants and awards programs:
 - [Goss/Nordley Start Up Grant](#)
 - [Chris D. Olson Programming Grant](#)
 - [Stand Up for Standout Friends Recognition Program](#)
 - [Evy Nordley Awards for Best Project by Friends](#)
- Offered well-attended workshops each quarter:
 - [Read All About It: The Minnesota Book Awards](#) (3/26)
 - [Different Roles, Shared Goals: Library Friends, Foundations, Trustees & Staff](#) (7/23)
 - [Warm Reads For Cold Nights: Minnesota Writers Recommend](#) (11/12)
- MALF's annual conference, [Saturday Splash 2026](#) (10/11), featured keynote author [Cary J. Griffith](#), presentations from all three [2025 Evy Nordley finalists](#), and video featurettes on each of the year's [Standout Friends nominees](#).
- Rejuvenated and expanded MALF's membership committee with an outreach objective of encompassing *all* Minnesota Friends groups in future efforts.

Member Education/Resources:

MALF members submitted 64 unique requests during 2025, asking for advice on:

- bylaws and memoranda of agreement with libraries
- state and federal filings
- membership maintenance and leadership recruitment
- insights on funding support
- MALF's grants and awards portfolio
- various other relatable questions concerning Friends groups

Annual Report: 2025 Financial Summary (Jan-Dec)

	12/31/24	06/30/25	12/31/25
Assets			
Cash Accounts	43,883.	28,778.	22,132.
Investments at RBC	436,841.	462,491.	471,781.
Total Assets	482,249.	491,572.	493,913.
Liabilities	2,083.	0.	2,507.
Net Assets	480,166.	491,572.	491,406.

Revenue	Jan-Dec 2025	
Member Dues	4,615.	
Gifts & Contributions	1,025.	
Investment Income	48,663.	
Total Revenue	54,303.	

Expenses - Admin	Jan-Dec 2024	
Board of Directors Exp	812.	
Library Strategies	37,459..	
Office Functions	2,962..	
Finance Expenses	2,402.	
Insurance Expenses	1,555.	
Expenses - Programming		
Grant / Awards	2,250.	
Webinars / Education	1,230.	
Interaction w/Other Orgs	307.	
Total Expenses		

Investment income includes unrealized gains and losses. Total revenue less total expenses equals the change in net assets between 2024 and 2025.

MALF Membership Levels:

	Current (12/31/2025)	Previous (2024)	Year-to-Year Net Change
Friends Group	96	93	+3
Individual	34	37	-3
Institution/Library	1	2	-1
TOTAL:	131	132	-1