

Friends of Brandon Twp. Public Library

Minutes

November 13, 2023

Called to order: 6:00 PM

Members present: Stan, Kerenza, Alan, Tina, Tom, Margaret, Patty

Staff/Liaison Present: Laura, Fran, Jenny, Shauna, Cheryl

Guest: John Hug

1. President's Report- Tom introduced Parks and Rec. Director-John Hug. He congratulated the Gala committee for a successful and fun event. The agenda was approved. John Hug thanked us for supplying trees to the Tree Library through the library's Summer Reading. He is seeking support to help set a game plan for the Tree Library going forward. He hopes to team up with the library for activities at the park. Many possibilities were discussed.
2. Vice President's Report- Alan reported that he sent out the email about FOL's upcoming elections. He has been working with Shauna to set up the membership renewals in the online system. Members will be notified a month ahead of time and can renew online. They will also be able to set up auto renewal. All renewing members will receive another 10 free book coupons.
3. Secretary's Report- The Minutes from the Oct. meeting were approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report- Patty stated we have \$16,747.04 in checking and \$2,533.71 as a CD. She will be purchasing another \$2500 CD in November. In Oct. the Bookstore made \$509.75, online sales were \$148.01, \$50 was made in a Business Membership and \$100 in donations. There was a lot of discussion about the 2024 budget. We are eliminating the online sales line due to not currently having an online seller. The budget will be voted on at our December meeting.
5. Finance Committee Report- Already reported in Treasurer's Report.
6. Membership Committee Report- Three new members joined at the Gala. Tina reported that we met the goal of 50 members. In December she will have an updated list of all current members-individual and business.
7. Bookstore Report- Margaret spoke about the Music Sale that was done and previewed the Holiday Sale that will be Dec. 8 & 9. The group also discussed that our online seller has decided not to continue working with our bookstore. We are in need on a new person to do online sales. Margaret will send an email out to FOL membership seeking a replacement.
8. Fundraising Committee- no report

9. Library Director's Report- Laura thanked the planning group for a successful Gala. She mentioned that Taylor is working on the Library of Things alone and is continuing to make purchases. The library used FOL money to purchase VOX books which are re-chargeable, audio books for young kids. The staff is working on new library signage.

10. Board of Trustees Liaison Report- Cheryl thanked the group for a fun Gala and for all of the support FOL gives to the library. The Board is working on the 2024-25 Strategic Plan. She will talk to board members about joining FOL.

11. Staff Liaison Report- Fran thanked Margaret for making bibs for babies. She let us know she had shifted her books in businesses, and is done with Steps and Stories until January.

12. Unfinished Business- Christmas Fundraisers

Advent Stacks-Jenny showed an example of the book stacks that will be sold. She is making some stacks of 12 and 24 books to sell in the bookstore and at the Holiday Sale. They can also be ordered by email.

Silent Auction-Margaret explained that we currently have 9 of the 10 baskets for the auction. Baskets need to be turned in by Nov. 20. The auction runs from Nov. 27-Dec. 15.

13. New Business- Nominations for 2024 Officers currently are: President-Tom, VP-Alan, Treasurer-Patty, Secretary-Margaret. Voting will be at our December meeting.

14. Adjournment-Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.