

Friends of the Brandon Township Public Library

Minutes

September 8, 2025

Members present: Tom, Stan, Patty

Staff/Board Liaisons Present: Fran, Cheryl, Laura

Next meeting is October 20th AT 6 PM ***PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS ONE WEEK LATER THAN USUAL***

1. President's Report – The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm. The agenda was approved with no amendments.
2. Vice President's Report – N/A
3. Secretary's Report- Margaret was absent but left a written report for the group. The report includes information about an FOL event on October 16th from 6-7:30 pm, hosted by Oakwood Studios, which will provide a painting activity. FOL is also signed up to participate in Treats & Trails and is looking for donations of candy and trinkets for goodie bags. Tom presented the minutes from the August 11th meeting, which were approved without amendments.
4. Treasurer's Report- Patty went through the financials. Ending balance for August is \$13,155.88. There were 11 square book purchases, and the back-to-school sale went well. The CD is now at \$2,780.55, bringing the total to \$15,936.43. 14 free book coupons were used in August. Patty will have a draft 2026 budget for next month's meeting that will be voted on in November.
5. Finance Committee- N/A
6. Membership Committee – N/A
7. Bookstore Report – Margaret's written report states, "We held a Back to School sale that seemed to do pretty well, sold a lot of kids' books. John sold about \$150 online".
8. Fundraising Committee – N/A

9. Library Director's Report – Laura provided a written report thanking the group for the additional \$9,000 donation and reported on how it is being spent. Parks and Rec will be installing the new little free library in the park soon, the tree book display will be ordered soon, and is looking at purchasing a new table for the study room that fits the space better. The 100th celebration for 2026 is being planned, and the Nintendo Switch purchased by FOL funds has been a hit with the teens!

10. Library Board Liaison Report – Cheryl reported that the public hearing to accept the millage was completed at the last meeting.

11. Library Staff Liaison Report – Fran reported that she promoted the FOL at Back to School night, 5 bibs and board books were distributed in August, staff are gearing up for fall programs, and she has 38 outreach visits and 13 class visits scheduled.

12. Unfinished Business – Discussion about Treats & Trails and distributing books – too heavy, doing goodie bags (that include free book coupons) instead, but maybe revisit having books as an option. It might be beneficial to have the CERT, Library, and FOL tables close to each other, allowing volunteers to work at each location. There will be a book sale during Christmas in the Village, book bundles, and a painting night in October that may need volunteers. The silent auction will also be in December. Come up with suggestions for next month. Tom is working on contacting Mason to finish up the musical flower for the children's garden.

13. New Business - Tom shared a thank-you letter that came to the group from Shauna.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm

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