

## Friends of the Brandon Twp. Public Library

Minutes

Feb. 12, 2024

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

Staff/Liaison present: Fran, Jan

1. President's Report-Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM  
The agenda was approved with one addition-Imagination Library report
2. Vice President's Report-Alan announced that he will be seeking a position on the Library Board in the Nov. 2024 election. He will need to leave his VP position then and will recuse himself from FOL business that may be a conflict of interest before then.
3. Secretary's Report- Patty suggested a change to January's minutes concerning the donation to the library. It will now read that FOL donated \$5,500 to the library and \$500 will be held in reserve. Minutes approved.  
Margaret discussed the Did You Know article she submitted for the library's Spring Newsletter. Discussion occurred about the need to send hand-written thank you notes to people who make donations to FOL through the Donate button on the website. Patty will learn how to find out the names of the donors so Margaret can do the correspondence.
4. Treasurer's Report-We currently have a total of \$16,871.88. \$14,304.51 in our checking account and \$2,567.37 in a CD. Patty is going to meet with Alan to learn more about the Square account that is used for membership dues and donations so that she can better keep track of the money brought in through that. In January the Bookstore had \$468 in cash box sales and \$116.32 in on-line sales.
5. Finance Committee Report- Alan pointed out that in Jan. the bookstore brought in more sales than expected.
6. Membership Committee Report- none
7. Bookstore Report- Online sales are going well. So far in Feb. \$68.32 has been received with \$76.17 pending. (Total =\$144.49) We hope to have a Pop-up DVD sale during Presidents' Weekend. 6 crates of vinyl record albums were recently donated (we don't accept them as donations). Margaret asked if anyone was willing to take on the selling of the albums, Alan offered.
8. Fundraising Committee Report- none
9. Library Director Report-Laura thanked us for our generous donation last month. The library has a new full-time librarian who started today. Laura also mentioned the Library Board's Open House.
10. Library Board Liaison Report- Jan talked about the Trustee Recruitment Open House that will be held March 6 from 6-8 PM. People who are interested in joining the board may come to find out information, meet the current board and ask questions.
11. Library Staff Liaison Report- Fran reported that the parents of 5 babies had received books, bibs and literacy information in Jan. Many Bibles are donated to the bookstore, some of them are then donated to a program in the Philippines. Thirty were sent in the summer and 32 additional have been collected since. Fran also discussed the May

M-15 Garage Sale to find out if FOL was planning to participate. The Community Room will be reserved for us to use for a Book Sale that day from 9 AM until 1 PM.

12. Unfinished Business-

Children's Garden Project- Tom let us know that Mason, the HS welding teacher, is researching patterns, etc for the instruments.

13. New Business-

Green Bags for the Bookstore- It was approved to purchase 250 bags for the bookstore and to spend up to \$700. They are used in the store's promotion to buy a bag for \$5 and to be able to refill it for \$5.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library-Patty read a letter we received from the local 4C group thanking us for our donation and stating that it is helping 98 kids from Ortonville to receive a new book every month.

Stan reported on the progress of the gazebo the Lions Club is having built at the park. He had photos of the project. There will be a park clean up organized in the spring and he invited FOL to participate in that and future activities.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM