

Friends of Brandon Twp. Public Library

Minutes

October 11, 2023

Called to order: 6:02 PM

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

Staff/Liaison present: Fran, Jay Taylor

1. President's Report- Tom welcomed Monika to the meeting and introductions were made. The agenda was approved with two changes.
2. Vice President's Report- Alan discussed that at our November meeting (11/13) nominations need to be made for December elections. Tom will send out an email to all members and will appoint an election committee. Alan will write an article about our upcoming elections for the next issue of the library's newsletter and will submit it to library staff for inclusion in the Winter edition.
3. Secretary's Report- Minutes from last meeting were approved. Margaret submits them to be published on the library website and emails them to all members.
4. Treasurer's Report- Patty reported that we currently have \$18,543.31 in checking. Our CD earned \$31.88. She will purchase our next CD on 10/16/23. The Bookstore sales in Sept. were \$612. We spent \$377 to purchase trees for the Tree Library because of the books read during Summer Reading. Time was spent discussing the 2024 budget which will be finalized at our next meeting. The amounts expected to be earned by the bookstore and online sales were lowered. We plan to have budget lines for non-profit expenses, the bookstore and membership committee.
5. Finance Committee Report- This was combined with the budget discussions in the Treasurer's Report.
6. Membership Committee Report- combined with Gala #12a.
7. Bookstore Report- Margaret spoke about donating books from the bookstore to Fran's Battle of the Books program. She discussed the BOGO cookbook coupons for participants in the pie crust baking workshops. The bookstore will be having a sale on Music books and CDs.
8. Fundraising Committee Report- none
9. Library Director's Report-Laura was unable to attend.

10. Library Board Liaison Report- Jay Taylor attended tonight's meeting and thanked FOL for their support of the library and wished us a happy National Friends of the Library Week. He stated the Board is finalizing the strategic plan and has created a new vision statement. He mentioned the election for library board seats and said to notify him if interested. He will email board members to remind them of the Gala.

11. Library Staff Liaison Report- Fran thanked the group for our hard work. She brought cookies, candy and water for us to celebrate National Friends of the Library Week. She spoke about the Books and Bibs program. She delivered books to Clarkston Lakes, one of her outreach programs and also to the free little library.

12. Unfinished Business

- a. Gala- as of today there are 21 people attending. Our group reviewed the budget for the event which is currently under \$300. (\$500 was budgeted.) Kerenza suggested that members present at the meeting should choose their character for the murder mystery. She asked for volunteers to help stuff envelopes, Monika and Jay will meet her Thurs., Nov. 19 at 1:00. She also asked for help setting up the day of the Gala. Volunteers should come at 5:00 to assist.
- b. Christmas fundraiser- Margaret talked about the annual Holiday Silent Auction. This year we will have 10 baskets. The auction will run from Nov. 27-Dec. 15. Final bids are due at 5:00 PM on 12/15. She will send an email out to all members asking them to help out by donating a basket of items. The first ten members who respond will do the baskets.

13. New Business- none

14. Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM