

Friends of Brandon Twp. Public Library

Minutes

August 14, 2023

Called to order: 6:00 PM

Members Present: Tom, Alan, Stan, **Kerenza**, Patty, Tina, Linda, Christine, Margaret

Staff/Liaison Present: Laura, Fran, Verna

1. President's Report- New members Christine and Linda were introduced and welcomed. Tonight's agenda was approved.
2. Vice-President's Report- n/a
3. Secretary's Report- Minutes were approved with correction of spelling of Kerenza's name. (My apologies)
4. Treasurer's Report- Motion was made and approved to purchase a second CD as a way to earn interest on money in savings. The current balance in checking is \$14,955.66, CD-\$2,500. The Bookstore cash box brought in \$970 and online sales were \$204.83.
5. Finance Committee Report- Discussed CD purchase
6. Membership Committee Report- FOL currently has 40 members. Some donations were made to FOL at the recent Farmer's Market booth. Tina has been contacting local businesses by email encouraging them to become business members. She reported that the Greeter slots for August programs are filled. Volunteers are being requested to work at an FOL booth during Septemberfest. Tina also suggested that the next article for the library's newsletter be about the FOL Board positions, the duties of each and the upcoming December election. She requested that members be added to the library's weekly newsletter.
7. Bookstore Manager Report- Margaret reported on the Quilting book sale and the ongoing DVD sale. August 18-31 will be a big Teacher/Homeschooler sale in the bookstore. Our online seller reported \$117.02 sales from 6/15-7/15. The inventory he holds from us is listed for sale at \$814.73.
8. Fundraising Committee- tabled for next month
9. Library Director's Report- Participants in the library's Summer Reading Program surpassed 2,500 hours so 5 trees will be purchased for the park. FOL is paying for half and the library is using money donated earlier from FOL for the second half. Laura was proud to announce that the summer reading program with the trees will be featured in the National Summer Reading Newsletter. She reported that a Beard Competition will be held during Septemberfest and the library will be hosting a beard craft for children. Library staff has reported that the bookstore has been very busy this summer.
10. Library Board Liaison Report-Verna stated that the board is currently working on library policies, trying to streamline and limit the amount. They are changing policies to procedures.

11. Library Staff Liaison Report- Fran explained the Bibs and Books program and thanked Margaret for making the bibs. She spoke about the shoe shopping trip that the Clarkston Lakes summer group took and thanked FOL for donating books to the Clarkston Lakes program, the local food pantry and the Free Little Library.

12. Unfinished Business-

**T-shirts**- Jenny researched prices for FOL t-shirts by Paramount. They would cost \$13 each with 1 color ink and \$15 for 2 color ink. The shirts would have the FOL logo on them. More information will be presented at the Sept. meeting after color and logo decisions are made.

**Gala**-Kerenza presented information about this event. It will be held at the library on October 20 from 6:30-9:00. It will be a Murder Mystery called Homecoming Gone Wrong. There will be light refreshments served which will be paid for with the ticket charge. There will also be after hours tours given. FOL members, library board members and library staff will be invited. She will present more finalized info at the next meeting.

**Christmas Fundraiser**- The idea was explained to those not present at the last meeting. It was then tabled until the Sept. meeting.

13. New Business-

**Baldwin Center**-Tom explained that this is one of the places FOL had been donating books to, but the center has asked that no more books be brought at this time. They currently have an overload of books and no volunteer to organize them. We discussed how we might be able to help. Tom also spoke to another woman with another organization that could use children's books for a K-12 literacy program; he will gather more information for next meeting.

14. Adjournment- 7:15 PM.