

Friends of Brandon Twp. Public Library

Minutes

September 9, 2024

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

Staff/Liaisons Present: Laura, Fran, Cheryl

1. President's Report-Tom called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The agenda was approved.
2. Vice-President's Report- none
3. Secretary's Report- The Minutes from last month's meeting were approved. Margaret reported that she had put photos of the Tree Library on the FOL Facebook page. She also created a sign-up form for volunteers interested in helping with the blood drive.
4. Treasurer's Report- Patty presented the monthly and yearly reports. The group discussed them. In August we had three paid memberships, \$736 in the cash box and \$293.79 in internet sales. Our current balance is \$22,023.12.
5. Finance Committee Report- Patty will begin working on a draft 2025 budget to present at our next meeting for discussion.
6. Membership Committee Report- none
7. Bookstore Report- The Back to School book sale went well. 31 free book certificates were used. Our next sale/event will be for Halloween.
8. Fundraising Committee Report- The group discussed continuing the Silent Auction in December and the book stacks for the holidays. They will be continued and will raise funds for FOL.
9. Library Director Report- Laura talked about the Tree Library Open House going well. The trees FOL donated are planted and have plaques placed near them. She showed us photos of the items that were bought with the \$2000 we recently donated. The items were: an outdoor picnic table for the Children's Garden, lava tiles for the youth department, a new rug for the Story Time room, some soft blocks for toddlers and a play mat of a street scene. Laura is getting an estimate from a muralist for some art for the youth dept.
10. Library Board Liaison Report- Cheryl stated there are currently five write in candidates for library board, the local paper will be publishing their names in an October article. The Board approved the 2025 calendar and approved the purchase of chairs for the Community Room.
11. Library Staff Liaison Report- Fran reported that Taylor and Anya represented the library at High School registration, spoke to 48 students and passed out free book coupons. Fran met with 299 students/families at Harvey Swanson and 207 at Oakwood Elementary. She gave out 100 coupons at each school. 31 have been used in the bookstore so far. Fran gave out 5 bibs and books to families with new babies. She told us about a patron, Salli Petherbridge, who made 2 quilts for the library, one to give away during Library Sign Up Month and one for the Silent Auction.
12. Unfinished Business- none
13. New Business-Alan asked about the status of the musical instrument for the Children's Garden. Tom said he will have a report next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM. Next meeting is Oct. 14.