

## Friends of the Brandon Twp. Public Library

Minutes

October 21, 2024

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

Staff/Liaisons Present: Laura, Jay

Meeting called to order: 6:01 PM

1. President's Report- Introductions were made and the Agenda was approved with the addition of Blood Drive under Unfinished Business.
2. Vice-President's Report- n/a
3. Secretary's Report- The Minutes from our Sept. meeting were approved. Margaret stated that she had written the FOL article for the Winter edition of the library's newsletter.
4. Treasurer's Report-Patty presented the report. We had 2 cash box amounts of \$153 and \$369.50. Internet sales were \$185.09 and we had one new membership. Our balance as of Sept. 30 was \$22,023.12. Patty also presented a proposed budget for 2025. Items were discussed and will be voted on next month.
5. Finance Committee Report-n/a
6. Membership Committee Report-n/a
7. Bookstore Report- Our internet sales so far in October are \$222.33, with an additional \$62.62 pending. We received a payment of \$28.45 from our previous on-line seller. The bookstore is participating in the library's Treats and Trails event on Oct. 26. We will be giving out books and free book coupons. There will be 5 members at the event. We will also participate in the library Trick or Treat days, Oct. 28-31, giving out books and candy.
8. Fundraising Committee Report- n/a
9. Library Director Report- Laura wished us all a Happy National Friends Week and treated us to cider and donuts. She reported that the first annual Treats and Trails event is on Oct. 26. There are 20 booths so far. Jason Gault will take free family photos. There is a trophy for best decorated booth. The muralist will begin her woodland animal themed paintings on Dec. 1 in the Youth Dept. The library got a \$15,000 grant from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council. It will be used for an exterior door to the Children's Garden and some garden musical instruments. Laura presented the annual report which showed numbers up and a 67% increase in attendance at programs. She let us know there are now 6 candidates for the write-in library board spots.
10. Library Board Liaison Report- Jay represented the board and stated that the board will approve the 2025 budget at their meeting Oct. 22. He feels the library is in good financial shape. He complemented the staff for being so engaged with the new strategic plan. Jay mentioned the candidates for the library board election. He thanked FOL for all we do. He also brought candy for us!
11. Library Staff Liaison Report- n/a
12. Unfinished Business- We discussed the Blood Drive that was held. 35 pints were collected. We questioned if volunteers are needed for the next drive due to how organized this one was. The group decided to have volunteers for the next one and then we will reassess the need.

13. New Business **A.** Fundraising was the focus of this discussion. Margaret presented 3 holiday ideas. We will continue the Silent Auction, it will be held from Nov. 25-Dec. 13. We will have 10 baskets and they will be displayed in the main lobby. FOL will also continue the 12 Days of Bookmas this year. Starting Nov. 25 we will begin selling stacks of books. For Youth we will have stacks of 12 books for \$10. For Teens and Adults we will have stacks of 6 books for \$10 and 12 books for \$15. The sale will run until the books run out. Volunteers will wrap some books on Oct. 28.



14. Margaret suggested trying to sell FOL memberships as a gift-giving idea. The person receiving the membership will get volunteer opportunities, early admission to some sales, 10 free books from the bookstore and a book themed ornament.

**B.** Musical instruments for the Children's Garden were also talked about. Tom met with Mason DePine from Brandon high School to discuss having the welding classes create flower shaped musical instruments. In Jan./Feb. the students will present their plans. Tom will have a rough estimate of the costs next meeting. It is hoped that the students will join in the dedication of the instruments when they are installed.



Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM. Next meeting is Nov. 11 at 6:00 PM,