

Friends of Brandon Twp. Public Library

Minutes

Dec. 9, 2024

Members Present: Alan, Patty, Tom, Margaret

Staff/Liaisons Present: Laura, Fran, Vera

1. President's Report: Tom called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. He asked for approval of the Agenda. It was approved with the addition of an item about a Coin Counter.
2. Vice President's Report: n/a
3. Secretary's Report: Margaret reported that 3 previous members have not renewed. Who checks the FOL email regularly was discussed. Margaret will continue to notify Tom and/or Patty if there is something needing their perusal. The Minutes from November were approved.
4. Treasurer's Report: Patty informed us that FOL's balance at the end of November was \$24,039.85. We had one new membership renewal, \$298.01 in on-line sales, and \$615.50 from the cash box. Expenses were \$37.50. Patty asked Laura about the \$399.86 unspent from our donation to the library and she said it will be spent by the end of December. It was approved for Patty to use the coin machine at Bueche's Grocery Store to count the coins from our cash box even though the store takes a percentage.
5. Finance Committee Report: n/a
6. Membership Committee Report: n/a
7. Bookstore Report: Margaret reported that on-line sales for December so far are \$269.32. These are pending, checks have not arrived yet. The bookstore has been holding various sales during the holiday season.
8. Fundraising Committee Report: Margaret reported on the 3 fundraisers going on currently. The Silent Auction continues until Dec. 13, we are hoping for about \$800. Members created 42 book bundles to sell for the holidays, 26 for adults, 16 for youth. The children's bundles are selling better. We discussed ways to possibly change this fundraiser next year. The third fundraiser was selling FOL memberships- none have been purchased.
9. Library Director's Report: The muralist is almost finished according to Laura. An article about the murals and FOL's sponsorship of them will be published in the local newspaper. New Library Board members were sworn in. Five library staff/board marched in the Christmas parade. Laura also stated that new residents to Brandon will receive a welcome packet from the library. She also brought up the use of a QR code at the bookstore. She will bring more information back to our Jan. meeting.
10. Library Board Liaison Report: Verna discussed that the new board was sworn in and pictured in the local paper. She asked what FOL's long term plans for our funds are.
11. Library Staff Liaison Report: Fran will be hosting a night with Santa and Mrs. Claus and thanked FOL for sponsoring Santa and cookies for the event. She will hold the Battle of the Books informational meeting Dec. 18. The Baby Books and Bibs program gave out 6 bibs/ books in Nov. and 4 so far in Dec.
12. Unfinished Business: The election of 2025 FOL Board Members was held. Results: Tom Roberts-President, Patty Salter-Treasurer, Margaret Crockett-Secretary.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM

Next meeting is Jan. 13, 2025.