

Friends of the Brandon Twp. Public Library

Minutes Revised Feb. 12, 2024

January 8, 2024

Called to order: 6:02 PM

Members present: Alan, Tom, Kerenza, Kristen, Patty, Margaret

Staff/Liaisons Present: Fran, Laura, Jan R., Susan H., Heather W.

Guests: Bill R., David F.

President's Report: Tom welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were done. The agenda was approved as presented. There was a small ceremony to present the FOL's annual donation to the library. Alan gave a brief speech about the ways the library will use the donation for programs such as Summer Reading and the Library of Things. FOL donated \$5,500 to the library and an additional \$500 will be held in reserve.

Vice President's Report- Alan has continued to work with Shauna to finish up the membership renewal project. Members should be receiving emails reminding them to renew on their "anniversary" date. He is working on a way to label people as inactive if they do not renew.

Secretary's Report-The minutes from the December meeting were approved. Margaret will send the minutes to Alyssa and Shauna from now on to have them put on the library's website.

Treasurer's Report- FOL currently has \$21,658.27 in the checking account. Patty reviewed the deposits she made in December, including Silent Auction-\$826, cash box-\$1,126. She also had copies of the 2024 Budget for the group to review.

Finance Committee Report- See President's report above.

Membership Committee Report- We currently do not have a membership chairperson.

Bookstore Report- Margaret reported on a busy Dec. in the bookstore. Online sales from the store in Dec. were \$116.32. So far in Jan. the online sales are \$101 and our previous online seller is sending us a check for \$64.86. He still has 26 books he is selling for us.

Fundraising Committee Report- The Silent Auction total sales were \$856. We sold 40 out of 43 Bookmas book stacks for \$10-15 each.

Library Director's Report- Laura spent time expressing her thanks to FOL for how hard we work and all that we do to support the library. She presented a list of all of the items the library purchased with FOL's donation last year.

Library Board of Trustees Liaison Report- Jan was appreciative of FOL's donation to the library. She mentioned the Library Board's Open House on March 6 from 6:00-8:00 PM. It is a chance to meet the board and learn about their mission and work for the library. The next Library Board meeting is Jan. 23 at 5:00 PM.

Library Staff Liaison Report-Fran spoke about the Night with Santa event that was held with over 100 people in attendance. The event was sponsored by FOL. T.A.B. (teen group) and Taylor, their advisor, assisted with this Open House-style event. Fran also reported that she has 9 teams participating in Battle of the Books.

Unfinished Business-Alan asked about the trees donated to the Library of Trees. They have been planted but the plaques are not ready yet so no event has been held.

New Business- Tom has been contacted by the new welding teacher at Brandon H. S. He will meet with the teacher to possibly reopen the musical instruments project from last year. It is hoped that students can work to create musical instruments for the Children's Garden at the library. He will report back.

Adjournment-6:42 PM