

Friends of Brandon Twp. Public Library

Meeting Minutes

Meeting on June 8, 2026

Members present: Tom, Patty, Alan, Margaret

Staff/Board Liaisons present: Fran, Laura, Keely, Jan

1. President's Report-Tom called meeting to order at 5:59 PM, welcomed everyone and introductions were made with Keely Jones, a new library board member. The agenda was approved. Tom reported that he had met with Mason, the welding teacher from Brandon HS about the musical instrument his students are working on. It has been powder coated. Mason said that he can install it. Discussion was held about a gathering for the unveiling in the children's garden. Tom, Laura and Mason will coordinate.
2. Vice President's Report-Margaret said that FOL members had gathered twice to stuff goodie bags for Summer Reading for youth and adults.
3. Secretary's Report-The Minutes from the May meeting were approved. Margaret is taking notes tonight as Monika was unable to attend.
4. Treasurer's Report-Patty reviewed the financial documents with the group. There was more income than usual due to the M-15 Garage Sale and the Quilt Raffle tickets. Our balance as of June 2, 2026 is \$18,841.23. There was discussion of making a second donation to the library since we have a healthy balance. Patty will bring additional financial information to the July meeting and then another donation may be approved.
5. Finance Committee- vacant
6. Membership Committee-vacant
7. Bookstore Report- Margaret reported that so far our on-line sales this month are almost \$300. Tom and Jenny made \$60 in outside book sales. Margaret and John have been busy adding books to the youth shelves in preparation of Summer Reading participants using their free book coupons in the store. There will be weekly free items for kids to pick up in the bookstore.
8. Fundraising Committee-vacant
9. Library Director Report- Laura let the group know that the week of June 15 will be Spirit Week for library staff with a variety of fun days happening. Patrons who also participate will receive extra prize tickets. Summer Reading begins June 15. Laura thanked FOL for assisting with the goodie bags. She also said that the Scholastic Book Fair was a success with sales of \$3,421.58. The library will get 40% of that to use for books, supplies, decor, etc.
10. Library Board Liaison Report- Keely stated that the board recently approved the library's audit and the library's collection development policy. They have finalized the community survey for the next strategic plan and they continue with monthly trainings.

11. Library Staff Liaison Report-Fran did 16 Summer Reading promotions in the community. She gave out 10 bibs and board books.

12. Unfinished Business-

Raffle- Discussion revolved around how many tickets have been sold and how many we expected to sell. Margaret explained how Monika is keeping track of sales on a spreadsheet. It is hoped that more FOL members step offer to sell tickets.

August 7th Family Fun Day- The library is planning for 200 hundred participants. FOL should be prepared with craft supplies for that number. Margaret will send an email asking for glue, sequins, paint and stickers before the event.

Teen Advisory Board Grant- The application was due last week, but Anya, the group's supervisor, was out sick so we will expect it soon. Laura will send it out to FOL board.

13. New Business- none

Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.