Friends of Brandon Township Public Library

Meeting Minutes Meeting on November 9, 2026

Members present: Margaret, Monika, Tom, Stan, Jenny, Patty, Alan

Staff / Board liaisons present: Fran, Jan

1. President's Report:
    a. Tom welcomed everyone and began the meeting at 6:00 PM
    b. Approval of agenda; today's agenda was approved with an added Budget item under New Business that Patty requested
    c. Durham, NC FOL; Tom and Jenny reported on a FOL bookstore they visited on a recent vacation; it takes up space in a strip mall; they told us about the set-up etc. and shared photos; discussion
2. Vice President's Report: Margaret said we distributed 195 of the 200 treat bags we assembled during the recent Trails and Treats event; FOL also provided candy inside the library at Halloween; Margaret shared that several volunteers will be coming into the library on November 12 and November 16 to wrap the books for the upcoming book bundles sale; she mentioned that she wrote another article about FOL for the library winter newsletter
3. Secretary's Report:
    a. The minutes from the September meeting were approved (the October meeting was cancelled)
4. Treasurer's Report:
    a. Approval of Treasurer's Report: the checking account balance on October 31, 2026, was $12,557.53; 17 book coupons were collected in the month of October per Patty
    b. Sales Reports: Patty reported on sales numbers; we collected $1,097.70 in total book sales (includes cash box, online sales, etc.) in October
5. Finance Committee Report – Vacant
6. Membership Committee Report: Margaret said that Full Scope Eye Care renewed their business membership; we also had a new person sign up with an individual membership recently
7. Bookstore Committee Report: Margaret mentioned that year-to-date online book sales are at just over $4,000.00 Wow! two new volunteers have begun working weekly in the bookstore; they restock and tidy, etc.; there will be a puzzle sale soon as we have so many of those; also coming soon is a holiday-themed book sale; this year, we are going to skip the big sale in the Community Room in early December, as it is a lot of work and not a lot of income

8. Fundraising Committee Report: Jenny said there are currently seven gift baskets being planned for the upcoming Silent Auction; the auction starts the Monday after Thanksgiving (which is November 30) and runs through December 18; we will also have our popular book bundles again, being sold out in the lobby area; there will be stacks of 12 books each for kids, and stacks of 6 books each for YA and adults
9. Library Director Report: Laura was not present; Fran mentioned that the story walk ribbon cutting was last week; the story walk is already quite popular
10. Library Board of Trustees Liaison Report: Jan reported that the library will need new gutters in order to maintain all the landscaping that was done; redirect the water and ice; she told us that Laura is doing well after donating her kidney to her brother recently; she is now recuperating at home; the Board is working on their annual evaluation and their goals; she also praised the new story walk
11. Library Staff Liaison Report: Fran gave out 18 bibs and books in September, and 14 bibs and books in October; she had six new babies at Baby Rhyme Time; she is working on her slide show for the Battle of the Books; she is also working on a program called Thousand Books before Kindergarten; she is grateful that the FOL is stepping up and sponsoring this
12. Unfinished Business:
    a. Quilt Raffle; Michael drew the winning ticket for the raffle on the assigned date; the raffle brought in $1,210.00 for FOL
    b. Teen Grant; the grant was awarded ($500.00) and the items have been purchased
13. New Business:
    a. Call for FOL Officers: the elections are in December for the 2027 calendar year
    b. Silent Auction Baskets: we covered these before
    c. Old Book Sale: Tom and Jenny set up this special display; the books are in the lobby area; they are old and/or look old; they are priced a dollar just like everything in the bookstore; Jenny advertised on Facebook Marketplace and got quite a few sales from that
    d. Budget: Patty walked us through the proposed 2027 Budget; discussion; the official proposed 2027 budget will be presented and voted on during the December meeting
14. Adjournment of Meeting: the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM