

Friends of Brandon Township Public Library

Meeting Minutes

Meeting on January 12, 2026

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

Staff/Board Liaisons present: Fran, Laura, Cheryl

1. President's Report: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Tom welcomed Library Board of Trustees member Cheryl to the meeting. The agenda was approved.
2. Vice President's Report: n/a
3. Secretary's Report: The minutes from the last meeting were approved.
4. Treasurer's Report: Patty went over the monthly report – FOL has a checking account balance of \$17,111.35 as of 1/1/2026. The Holiday basket silent auction took in \$1134.36; per Jenny, it was our best year thus far. The 2026 budget was approved.
5. Finance Committee: n/a
6. Membership Committee: n/a
7. Bookstore Committee Report: Margaret reported that so far, this January we are ahead with sales compared to January 2025. She continues to have volunteers take like-new books to thrift shops and to the jail. Margaret has reserved the community room for the book sale that will be held in conjunction with the M-15 garage sale in May. Discussion about setting up for same.
8. Fundraising Committee: n/a
9. Library Director Report: Laura reported that the library's new website is up and running. There were some hiccups but now the website is fully compliant. Comic Plus will be added to the eBook options in February, providing mainly Manga type content. The bathroom remodel work is complete, making the public bathroom ADA compliant now. The other two (staff) bathrooms will be done in 2026. Laura thanked FOL for all its hard work and contributions.
10. Board of Trustees Liaison Report: Cheryl reported that the Board of Trustees is currently working on the year-end audit.
11. Library Staff Liaison Report: Fran said that she gave out six bibs and board books in December. She reported that the Santa and Mrs. Claus visit drew 155 attendees and was very well received. The Battle of the Books program has 42 participants on 8 teams.

12. Unfinished Business:

a/b: Margaret reported on the Holiday silent auction and on the book bundles sales.

c: Children's Garden flower update: Tom reported that per Mason at the High School, the kids have worked to improve the items and cleaned up notes; also, they now have the ability to add powder coating in-house. The FOL needs to pick colors for the flower. Following a discussion, it was determined that the stem should be green, the petals blue, and the center white. Tom said that at the last welding meeting (in the fall), an offer was made by a member to dig the holes free of charge; he will look up the person's name and advise.

13. New Business:

a: The FOL made their annual donation to the library today, a check in the amount of \$6,500.00. A photo was made for submission to The Citizen newspaper.

b: Library 100th Anniversary fundraising ideas were brought forward and discussed:

- Cheryl suggested having a bookmobile van – discussion – more information needed – a lot of considerations go into this type of project – BTPL had a bookmobile in the past – if we go forward, it will come to fruition probably no sooner than 2027 with everything involved
- Margaret offered to make a bookshelf design lap quilt that can be raffled off – it will include the newly designed 100 years logo – discussion – Monika will be able to print the raffle tickets rather than use a print shop – \$250.00 was allocated for this fundraiser – first step is obtaining a State of Michigan raffle license, which Margaret will do – it was estimated that each FOL member would be able to sell about 5 tickets
- Laura indicated that the August 7 Family Fun Day will need volunteers – there also should probably be a FOL booth at the event with giveaways and some crafting activities

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.