

Friends of Brandon Twp. Public Library

Minutes

August 11, 2025

Members Present: Tom, Patty, Alan, Monika, Bill, Margaret

Staff/Board Liaisons Present: Fran, Kay, Jan

1. President's Report- The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM. Tom welcomed the group and introduced Kay Taylor, a Library Board member to her first FOL meeting. The agenda was approved after the additions of Septemberfest and Book Bundles into New Business.

2. Vice President's Report-n/a

3. Secretary's Report- The Minutes from our June meeting were approved. Margaret apologized for not following through with arranging an interview with the local paper. She will do it this month. She also spoke about the article she wrote for the Fall library newsletter. The topic was what the library has been able to purchase with FOL funds.

4. Treasurer's Report- Patty went through the June and July reports. In June our balance was \$23,710.48 and in July it was \$15,311.59. The difference was mostly due to FOL making a \$9,000 donation to the library on July 3. Inviting the local paper to a photo opportunity of FOL delivering the donation to the library director was discussed. Patty also reported that our finances are doing well for the first 6 months of 2025, above expectations. Overall we have raised \$6,399.34 compared to the \$4,245 we had budgeted for. FOL distributes many FREE book coupons during the year, in June 139 were used and in July 89. These were coupons given out during Summer Reading. There was discussion on our use of Square and the website to take memberships into FOL. We are in the process of sorting it out and determining all current members. A report will be given at the Sept. meeting.

5. Finance Committee- n/a

6. Membership Committee- n/a

7. Bookstore Report- Margaret let the group know that there have not been as many book donations in the past few weeks. Internet sales are near \$100 so far in August which is low. Sales in the bookshop have been steady. The shop will have a back to school sale at the end of August.

8. Fundraising Committee-n/a

9. Library Director's Report- Laura was not in attendance tonight so Fran delivered her report. The new Little Free Library was delivered. Parks and Rec will assemble and install it. There will be a promotional photo done. Staffing changes have been announced. Shauna has left for a position with the Library of Michigan. Alyssa was promoted to Asst. Director, Taylor was promoted to full-time librarian and Michael is now a full-time circulation assistant. Planning is underway for the library's 100th anniversary in 2026. Meetings are the first Tuesday

of the month at 12:30 PM. Summer Reading earned 444 crayons for the display equaling 2,200 hours of reading. 45 boxes of crayons will be donated to local schools. A presentation will be held August 18.

10. Library Board Liaison Report- Kay let us know that the board was pleased with the staff promotions. She has met with the head of the Oxford Library's 100th Anniversary celebration to hear what events they did. She brought good information back to the BTPL planning group.

11. Library Staff Liaison Report- In June Fran gave out 12 bibs and books to babies and 14 in July. She will be attending all of Brandon schools' back to school nights and will hand out coupons for Free bookshop books to 50 students at each school. She continues to supply the Books in Business boxes and the Free Little Library with books from FOL.

12. Unfinished Business- Tom is in contact with the shop teacher from Brandon HS. He will be returning the flower musical instrument students worked on last year so that they can finish it.

13. New Business- **A.** Margaret described two Halloween activities that FOL and the bookshop will participate in. We will do the Treats and Trails sponsored by the library and trick or treating in the library. \$100 was budgeted for supplies. FOL members will be asked for candy donations. **B.** FOL will be holding their annual Holiday Book Sale on Dec. 6 in the Community Room. **C.** It was decided to hold the annual Silent Auction again this year in Nov./Dec. We will also sell Book Bundles again this holiday season. Margaret will send out emails asking for volunteers and people to donate themed baskets. **D.** Septemberfest was discussed by Alan. It is September 13. Alan is a committee member and wondered if FOL wants to provide some type of swag for the goodie bags that will be handed out-coupons, membership forms, bookmarks, pencils, etc. He will get more information to us about when it is needed and how many items are needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Next meeting is Sept. 8 at 6:00 PM