

Friends of the Brandon Twp. Public Library

Minutes

August 12, 2024

Members Present: Alan, Tom, Patty, Margaret

Staff/Liaisons Present: Laura, Fran, Jay

Guest: Robin Laughlin

1. President's Report-Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM. The group welcomed Robin. The agenda was approved.
2. Vice President's Report- n/a
3. Secretary's Report- Minutes were approved. Margaret reported that she had met with Shauna and learned how to access the membership information. A list of current members was given to Tom and Patty.
4. Treasurer's Report-In July we had one member renew and \$723 was deposited from the bookstore cash box. Our CD has a value of \$136.63. Our current balance is \$22,823.63. (The online checks totaling \$293.79 were not reported.)
5. Finance Committee- n/a
6. Membership Committee- Alan checked with Shauna about the three members who said they had not gotten their 10 free book certificates, it has been taken care of. Patty will be meeting with Shauna tomorrow to learn more about the on-line dues paying system.
7. Bookstore Report- The Christmas in July sale went well. We will be having a Back-to-School sale at the end of the month. Four members have been trained in prepping books for the bookstore. Margaret met with Shauna about designing a new bookstore sign.
8. Library Director Report- Laura reported that 627 people participated in Summer Reading this year, a slight increase. The prizes (donated by FOL) were a hit. The plaques for the trees from last year's summer reading have been placed. Laura spoke about two ideas to celebrate: a photo scavenger hunt and an open house at the tree library. She will keep us informed. A staff in-service was held Aug. 2. She discussed some of the strategic plan initiatives that are being developed: refreshing the youth dept., accessible bathroom doors, picnic table for youth garden, little free library, marketing committee and revamping the PD procedures.
9. Library Board Liaison Report- Jay stated that they welcomed John Crockett as a new board member at their July meeting. He mentioned that Board member Cole's spouse passed away. The board has reviewed the draft 2025 budget, approved \$70,000 to be spent on HVAC repairs. Their next meeting is Aug. 27.
10. Staff Liaison Report- Fran said that the Summer Reading program was a success! She gave out eight Bibs and Books in July. 87 people attended her program with the Boogie Woogie Kid. She will be attending Back to School nights at the elementary schools handing out FOL brochures and library information. She said Taylor will attend HS registration and will have free book certificates to hand out.
11. Unfinished Business-We discussed the idea that had been brought up to give the library money beyond the \$6,000 we gave them in January since our savings is so strong. All agreed it was a good idea. It was decided to donate \$2,000 to purchase a new picnic table for the children's garden.

12. New Business- Robin L. spoke about the history of the library holding community blood drives. She is in hopes that the library and FOL will take on the job of holding 6 blood drives per year. It may be possible for FOL to earn money through the drives; Robin will check on our status and let us know. Laura will discuss with the library managers. FOL would need to have a few volunteers available to help sign people in, hand out juice, etc. The next drive would be Oct. 3. More decisions will be made at our Sept. meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM