

Friends of the Brandon Twp. Public Library

Minutes

April 14, 2025

Members Present: Tom, Alan, Patty, Margaret

Staff/Liaisons Present: Fran, Verna, Cheryl

Guest: Mason D.

1. President's Report- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. The agenda was approved. Tom introduced Mason DePottey from Brandon H.S. Mason is the welding teacher at the H.S. He described the process that students are using to produce three metal flowers that will be musical instruments for the Children's Garden. They are being designed via computer, cut on a plasma cutter and will be welded together. The woodshop students are making mallets to use to strike the instruments. FOL gave him a check for \$1,100 to pay for materials. When finished they will be powder coated and plaques will be attached with the student creators' names.
2. Vice President's Report- n/a
3. Secretary's Report- The Minutes from our last meeting were approved. Margaret reported that she will be attending a Talk About Friends program at the Novi Library on May 9. (Tom may attend too.) She also has access to a video from the latest United for Libraries –Shaping the Future of FOL retreat.
4. Treasurer's Report- Patty stated that the Bookshop Cash Box for March brought in \$591, credit card sales were \$23.74, internet sales were \$343.58, outside sales \$180 and two memberships were purchased for \$18.78. We repaid Laura \$160. Our current balance is \$22,472.85. Patty is going to check with two local credit unions about the feasibility of purchasing a CD.
5. Finance Committee- n/a
6. Membership Committee- n/a
7. Bookstore- Margaret filled the group in on the plans for our M-15 Garage Sale Book Sale. We have members helping to set up Friday, May 2 between 12-4. Two people will help at the sale on Sat., May 3 (besides John and Margaret). There will be an Early Bird Sale from 12-4 for FOL members. Saturday we will be open from 9:00-4:30. Margaret asked The Citizen newspaper to publicize the sale. We approved spending up to \$100 to purchase four Book Sale yard signs from Paramount Signs.
8. Fundraising Committee- n/a
9. Library Director Report- n/a
10. Library Board Liaison Report- Cheryl and Verna expressed their thanks for FOL for all we do. They talked about current board business of their audit and work on capital asset funding. Both discussed current/future library funding.
11. Library Staff Liaison Report- Fran was pleased to announce she gave out 9 bibs and board books in March. She asked FOL to donate free bookshop book coupons for 47 students receiving awards on April 26 at the BGYA ceremony. The request was approved.
12. Unfinished Business- n/a
13. New Business- Fireworks Parking Director Laura brought Margaret the idea of FOL running parking for the local fireworks in the library parking lot. Discussion centered on if the fireworks are being held this year, where they will be and does FOL have the

people needed to run this. Alan will bring back information from the next DDA meeting and we will make a decision at our May meeting.

14. Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.