

Friends of the Brandon Twp. Public Library

Minutes

Feb. 10, 2025

Members Present: Patty, Tom, Margaret

Staff/Liaisons Present: Laura, Fran

1. President's Report: Tom called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. The agenda was approved as written.
2. Vice President's Report: n/a
3. Secretary's Report: Margaret presented the Minutes from last month, they were approved. She also reported that FOL is now a member of the Friends of Michigan Libraries group.
4. Treasurer's Report: Patty went over the monthly financial report. We currently have a balance of \$20,294.33. Ten people renewed their memberships. We made a donation of \$6,500 to the library in January. There were deposits of \$486 & \$176 from the bookshop cash box and \$180.96 from online sales.
5. Finance Committee Report: n/a
6. Membership Committee Report: n/a
7. Bookstore Report: Sales have been going well. So far in Feb. the online sales are just over \$150. We have made \$132.70 from our partnership with Cottage Books.
8. Fundraising Committee: We are holding a Valentine raffle for a stuffed bear. The drawing will be Feb. 12, so far we have sold \$23 worth of tickets.
9. Library Director Report: Laura let us know that the library received the Non-Profit Excellence Award from the North Oakland Chamber Association. Quite an honor! The library managers have been making plans for the donation FOL gave. Some items are a Switch console, youth and adult sensory kits, the Library of Things and a mural in play room.
10. Board of Trustees Report: n/a
11. Staff Liaison Report: Fran will be attending Kindergarten Round-up for the local schools and will hand out coupons for a free book at the FOL Bookshop. She is doing a new program with the middle school and kindergarten classrooms. She gave out 9 Books and Bibs kits.
12. Unfinished Business A. Taxes-it was decided to change the signage in the bookshop from "price" to "recommended donation". In this way FOL doesn't have to be concerned about sales tax. B. We will start taking credit cards in the bookshop on Wed., Feb. 12, our signs will ask people to consider adding to their total to offset the service fee we must pay. C.- discussed earlier. D. Tom is meeting with the teacher at Brandon High to set up a timeline for the Children's Garden musical instrument. He discussed a possible design. We are pleased to work in collaboration with BHS.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.