

Friends of the Brandon Twp. Public Library

Minutes May 12, 2025

Members present: Stan, Patty, Tom, Margaret

Staff/Liaisons present: Fran, Laura, Jan

1. President's Report: Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM. The Agenda was approved with the date corrected. Tom reported on a Michigan FOL meeting he attended recently. The guest speaker was a legal representative of MFOL. She discussed library funding. Tom has requested her Power Point slides to share with us. He'd also like to host her here to do a program.
2. Vice President's Report: n/a
3. Secretary's Report: Last month's Minutes were approved. Margaret shared the mail FOL has received this month including thank you notes from 4CCF/Imagination Library and a program from the BGYA awards ceremony which we support with book shop coupons.
4. Treasurer's Report: Patty reported that we had 4 membership sign ups/renewals. We paid out money to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (\$750) and Brandon Schools Welding program (\$1,148.18). The Book shop brought in \$549 from the cash box and \$288.75 in on-line sales. The M-15 Garage Sale Book Sale brought in \$739.
5. Finance Committee: n/a
6. Membership Committee: n/a
7. Bookstore Report: Margaret reported that the Garage Sale Book Sale made \$739, compared to \$819 in 2024. The sale went well and had many shoppers. It was felt that the \$5 per bag was successful, lots of books were sold. The Early Bird Sale for FOL members had no one come in and will be discontinued for next year.
8. Fundraising Committee: n/a
9. Library Director Report: Laura reported that the musical instruments were installed by the Ortonville DPW and are being well-used by children. The same DPW will also install the instrument FOL is having made. She thanked FOL for the donation that allows each staff member to receive a \$10 gift card on their work anniversary. A June 12 program will feature FOL members Tom and Alan presenting on Blacksmiths in Ortonville. The library made \$412 on their porch sale and \$1,165 on parking lot spots during the Garage Sale. Over 300 people attended Miss Fran's 50<sup>th</sup> work anniversary party.
10. Library Board Liaison Report: Jan spoke about the library staff's Bites with the Board meeting that Jan, Cheryl and Verna attended to talk with staff members. She reported that the audit of the board saw them commended for excellence.
11. Library Staff Liaison Report: In April, eight bibs and board books were given out. Fran stated the BGYA awards ceremony went well and participants appreciated the free book coupons we donated. The Battle of the Books was fun with 3 teams competing. On May 22 the library will host the elementary Art Show from 5:00-6:30. Preparations are underway for Summer Reading, which FOL sponsors.
12. Unfinished Business: This year's fireworks have been cancelled so no discussion regarding parking needed to be done. Tom showed photos of the flower musical instrument that Mason from BHS sent him. It should be ready this week. The library will have an Open House for the community and students who worked on the project.
13. New Business: none
14. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.

