

Friends of the Brandon Twp. Public Library

Minutes

October 20, 2025

Members present: Alan, Tom, Patty, Margaret

Staff/board liaisons present: Laura, Fran, Cheryl

1. President's Report- The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM. An addition was made to the agenda and then it was approved. Tom reported that he had returned the musical flower to Mason at the high school and it will be fixed. A big thank you to the library staff for providing snacks and cider to celebrate Friends of the Library Week.
2. Vice President's Report- n/a
3. Secretary's Report- The Minutes were approved as written and Margaret thanked Laura for doing the Minutes at the Sept. meeting. Margaret also let us know that 167 goodie bags were given out at Treats and Trails along with free books. Eleven FOL members attended the painting party on Oct. 16 and everyone had a good time.
4. Treasurer's Report- Patty presented the latest financial report that showed that FOL currently has \$16,364.27 in our accounts. Notable expenses were for lunch for library staff, a shelf for the staff break room and items for Septemberfest and Treats and Trails. Patty will correct a couple of errors in the yearly budget report. We spent time discussing the budget for 2026. It was suggested to offer to pay for mileage for volunteers who drive to deliver donations or sell books. This budget will be discussed again in November and a vote will be taken.
5. Finance Committee Report-n/a
6. Membership Committee Report- n/a
7. Bookstore Report-The bookstore has been running a sale on board books and certain authors. Online sales have been going well.
8. Fundraising Committee Report-n/a
9. Library Director's Report- Laura wished all a happy Friends of the Library Week and told us to watch for special messages on the windows of the bookshop all week. She has refilled the new Free Little Library in the park 3 times already. The new tree bookshelf has been installed and is a hit. Treats and Trails had 17 booths and over 400 visitors. She reported on the Village Christmas parade and said the library won't be participating this year and asked if the FOL was interested. So far, no one has expressed availability. Laura praised FOL for all we do.
10. Library Board Liaison Report- Cheryl spoke about the self-evaluation surveys that the board has recently done and how they will be used to determine future professional development. The board will be looking at quotes to remodel bathrooms, voting on the final budget and writing an AI policy.
11. Library Staff Liaison Report- Fran thanked FOL for all of our hard work. She gave out 20 bibs and board books in September!
12. Unfinished Business- **A.** Holiday Book Sale-will be held Dec. 6 with set-up on Dec. 5. FOL members will have chance to sign up to help either day. There will be books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, games for sale. **B.** Holiday Silent Auction-will be held Nov. 24-Dec. 12. There will be 10 baskets. **C.** Book Bundles Sale- will begin Nov. 24 and go until they are all sold. Two wrapping sessions will be held: Nov. 11, 12-2 and Nov. 17 2-4. Kids' bundles will have 12 books for \$10, adults will be a choice of 6 books for \$10 or 12 books for \$15.
13. New Business- none
14. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05.

