

Friends of Brandon Township Public Library

Meeting Minutes

Meeting on July 13, 2026

Members present: Alan, Tom, Margaret, Stan, Patty, Monika

Staff / Board liaisons present: Laura, Fran, John

1. President's Report – Tom welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 6:00 PM; the agenda was approved with one small change: remove item 3) b.
2. Vice President's Report – Margaret has written another article about FOL for the Fall library newsletter; she reported that FOL members helped assemble goodie bags for the summer reading program; she has sent an email to all FOL members asking for craft supplies to use at the Extravaganza in August but so far only one person has provided items; Margaret also mentioned that different little gifts (book marks, pencils, bracelets, etc.) are being provided for the children who come in for the summer reading program
3. Secretary's Report – last month's meeting minutes were approved; Monika thanked Margaret for recording the minutes in June as she was unable to attend
4. Treasurer's Report – Patty stated that our current checking balance as of 7/2/26 was \$17,048.37, with total cash of \$19,906.86; she collected a record number of book coupons (154) in June; the budget for June was discussed, as well as a comparison of June 2025 vs June 2026; Patty suggested that the FOL donate another \$9,000.00 to the library this month, just like we did last year; her motion was approved by all; Patty mentioned she will not be present at the August meeting
5. Finance Committee Report – Vacant
6. Membership Committee Report – Vacant
7. Bookstore Committee Report – Margaret thanked Jenny and Tom for helping with the running of the FOL bookstore while she and John were on vacation; apparently, a rather large donation came in during that time but some of the books were dirty/yucky/moldy, and Tom and Jenny disposed of some of the books for that reason; so far for July, we have \$155.00 in online sales, with another \$438.00 pending
8. Fundraising Committee Report – Margaret said that we have sold 117 raffle tickets so far, which amounts to \$585.00; obviously, we will continue our selling efforts; FOL members will be at the "Bring The Zoo To You" program on 7/21 and sell there, as well
9. Library Director Report – Laura reported that we currently have 712 patrons registered for the summer reading program, compared to last year's 667 registrants; the TAB grant will be submitted by August 10, and will be presented at the FOL meeting in person; Laura provided a list of suggestions from her staff members on how to use any additional funding, including but not limited to comfortable chairs for the children's garden, story walk sculpture, replacing the barn and the washer/dryer set in the children's section, etc.; discussion regarding what might be purchased; Laura reminded everyone to fill out the community survey (available on paper or online)

10. Library Board of Trustees Liaison Report – John mentioned that he missed the June board meeting but then watched it later on via YouTube; a contractor has been selected for the Story Walk project, it will be done this fall; the 2025 audit has been completed, everything looks good; they are now working on next year's budget, as well as the strategic plan for upcoming years
11. Library Staff Liaison Report – Fran shared that she gave out 13 bibs and board books in June, and 6 already in July! Our newest members are Scarlett and Lucy, one-week-old twins who visited with their mother; at the Farmers Market in June, Fran got to speak to 163 families, and she gave out 150 book coupons
12. Unfinished Business
 - a. Margaret asked about the metal flower instrument; Tom reported that the HS has plenty of material as well as money for the powder coating; it will probably be finished in the fall; either Mason or the Ortonville DPW will install
13. New Business: Alan talked about using the scanner that Laura gave to the Historical Society a while back; he now has a student, Alexis, who will be scanning in and organizing all the historical photos they have at the museum; it is part of her work earning a PhD of Museum Administration
14. Adjournment of Meeting – the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm