

Friends of the Brandon Twp. Public Library

Minutes

Mar. 10, 2025

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

Staff/Liaisons present: Laura, Fran, Verna

1. President's Report- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. The agenda was approved.
2. Vice President's Report- n/a
3. Secretary's Report- Margaret presented the Minutes from the previous meeting. They were approved.
4. Treasurer's Report-Patty presented the monthly financial report. Our current account total is \$21,475.75. We had one \$20 reimbursement payment. Five members paid their dues. Our online sales were \$542.15 and cash box sales were \$581. The Valentine bear raffle made just over \$23. Seven coupons for free books were used.
5. Finance Committee- n/a
6. Membership Committee- n/a
7. Bookstore Committee- FOL will be participating in the M-15 Garage Sale on May 3. Margaret will send a sign up sheet out to members soon. The sale will be open to members for 2 hours the day before, with memberships being sold on the spot. The book shop had 2 credit card sales last month. The library is giving the shop 20 book ends. Tom took some books to an outside used book store and sold \$180 worth of books. Jenny is also selling some books for us to other vendors. These types of sales will be marked and reported as Outside Book Sales.
8. Fundraising Committee- n/a
9. Library Director Report- Laura stated that the muralist is going to do a second mural in the playroom, also with a woodland theme. (pending the Board's approval of the design) The library will partner with Kulture City for training with special needs patrons and will have 5 sensory bags available to patrons. Laura also told us about the program Alan will be doing about the Civil War.
10. Library Board of Trustees Liaison Report- The board did their annual review of the Director, Laura, which was a success.
11. Library Staff Liaison Report- Fran let us know that she had given out 14 bibs and board books in Feb. She attended the Kindergarten Round-ups at Harvey Swanson and Oakwood schools and saw 109 and 89 children respectively. She distributed 200 free book coupons. She will attend Literacy Night at Harvey Swanson and the middle school.
12. Unfinished Business- Children's Garden Instruments- Tom has been working with a high school teacher on this project. The flower instrument has been

designed and some petals have been cut. He will keep us posted on progress. Laura added that the library received a grant that is allowing them to purchase two musical instruments for the garden also, a very hungry caterpillar and three toadstools. Staff is researching contractors to dig the holes needed.

13. New Business- a big thank you to member Monika for the cute spring notebooks she made for attendees! Alan discussed a Historical Society member who is interested in doing a program about the Detroit United Railway. The library would work better than the historical society building for the presentation. The same man, Ken Bush, also has a program on Wildflowers of Brandon Twp.
14. Adjournment-6:31 PM