

Friends of Brandon Twp. Public Library

Minutes

June 9, 2025

Members present: Monika, Tom, Margaret Staff/Liaisons present: Fran, Verna, Cheryl

1. President's Report: Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM. Agenda was approved with a date correction.
2. Vice President's Report: n/a
3. Secretary's Report: The Minutes from the May meeting were approved.
4. Treasurer's Report: Patty, the treasurer, could not attend the meeting but did send information about FOL's balances. The checking account is \$20,196.08, the CD is \$2,743.90. In May the on-line book sales were \$301.32, outside sales to book dealers was \$100. Patty will provide a more detailed report about May at our next meeting.
5. Finance Committee Report: n/a
6. Membership Committee Report: n/a
7. Bookstore Report: Margaret reported about the new system to deal with unsold books. In the past if the books were not sold in the bookshop or online, FOL looked for a local organization to donate the books to. Currently we donate paperbacks to the Oakland County Jail. Books that were left over were recycled. Margaret reached out to FOL members and six responded that they were willing to take unsold books to local Goodwill stores to donate them.
8. Fundraising Committee Report: n/a
9. Library Director Report: Laura was unable to attend but sent notes giving a mid-year report on how the library has spent our donation. They spent \$4950, with \$1,050 remaining. FOL funds paid for Summer Reading prizes and goodie bags, a Nintendo Switch with games, sensory training and supplies, playroom mural, lamps, chairs, Bookpage magazine, Battle of the Books program and a movie license used for programs. She and the staff are very thankful for our donation.
10. Library Board Trustee Liaison Report: Cheryl and Verna talked about long term needs of the library including \$120,000 to do necessary HVAC work. They are pleased with the many things the library staff is accomplishing.
11. Library Staff Liaison Report: Fran was pleased with the turnout of 152 guests for the elementary art show. She has been promoting Summer Reading to local students. Summer Reading begins June 16. In May she gave out 7 books and bibs for the baby literacy program. She has refilled the book displays for the local Books in Businesses and the free little library.
12. Unfinished Business: Tom showed us the musical instrument that the BHS welding class made for the Children's Garden. It needs to be sanded and cleaned. Then it will be power coated. Tom will get estimates from two local places for that. The installation will probably be done in the fall.
13. New Business: **A.** Margaret brought up the idea of cancelling the summer FOL meetings in July and August. It was decided to cancel the July meeting and decide later about the August one. **B.** Cheryl offered the idea of contacting the local newspaper to promote what FOL does for the library and to discuss membership. Margaret will contact The Citizen to gauge their interest.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.