

Friends of Brandon Twp. Public Library

Minutes

July 10, 2023

Called to order: 5:57 PM

Members Present: Tina, Alan, Tom, Jenny, Karenza, Stan, Margaret

Staff/Liaison Present: Laura, Fran, Verna, (Jenny)

1. President's Report- Agenda approved.
2. Vice President's Report- Alan reported that he had submitted an article about the bookstore for the library's quarterly newsletter and had met with Laura about supporting raffle baskets for the Ortonville 175th celebration in Sept. Jenny will provide bookstore coupons.
3. Secretary's Report- Some typos were corrected in the June meeting's minutes and an item concerning bookstore was altered. Minutes were approved and a corrected copy will be sent to Shauna to repost on library website.
4. Treasurer's Report- tabled as Treasurer was unable to attend.
5. Finance Committee Report- tabled due to not having Treasurer's report.
6. Membership Committee- Tina reported we have 2 new members. Alyssa has requested volunteers to help at the end of summer event Aug. 12. Greeters were also needed for Trivia event (Jenny will do it); PTSD event and community play performance.
7. Bookstore Manager Report- Margaret presented the invoice from our online seller. Some discussion resulted about how it is working and group felt that we need to wait until fall to determine how it is going. Different sale ideas were presented. Thanks were given to Tina for organizing the DVDs for our sale. Report was given on the groups that are receiving donations of unsold books. (Ionia St. Prison, Baby Pantry, Food Pantry, Clarkston Lakes, Whaley Children's Center, local free little libraries)
8. Fundraising Committee-no report
9. Library Director's Report- Library had 501 responses to survey, above goal. Sara is cataloging Library of Things, which FOL supported with \$3000. 598 patrons signed up for Summer Reading. Laura showed an FOL sign that was found in storage to see if we still wanted it. Staff is working on 2024 budget and looking for candidates for Library Board. Laura is now a public notary so that service is now available.
10. Library Board Liaison Report- Verna stated that she will fill the Board in on our activities and that they seek to support our group.
11. Library Staff Liaison Report- Fran thanked FOL for book donations to Clarkston Lakes, free little libraries and food pantry. She will be doing a storytelling event at the July 29 Farmer's Market and will have FOL information available.

12. Unfinished Business-

FOL member volunteer opportunities- Karenza and Tina will have an FOL booth at the Farmer's Market July 22. They will discuss membership and will have some books available. Much discussion was held about ways FOL members can volunteer and areas where they were needed. We discussed volunteers to assist staff at library events and how that would be organized. Tina will send out an email with some ideas about what events need volunteers. Laura suggested FOL t-shirts to help make members more noticeable when they are volunteering which will be discussed more at August meeting.

13. New Business-

Gala for National FOL-Thanks to Karenza for researching some ideas and venues for this event. The event will be open to members, donors, staff and library board. It will be held Oct. 20 or 21. Laura suggested using the Community Room. There were many ideas about swag bags, décor and possibly a Murder Mystery. An update will be given in August.

Christmas Fundraiser- Jenny presented the idea of doing 12 or 24 Days of Christmas stacks of books for patrons to purchase. They would be based on different age groups and could be premade and wrapped to display in bookstore or ordered. Pricing was discussed but not settled, Jenny will research local pricing. The cost to FOL would be minimal. We will begin collecting and stockpiling books and DVDs for this now. Jenny will be assisted by Margaret and will report back at our August meeting.

14. Adjournment: 7:19 PM.