

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
Minutes of meeting held November 13, 2025

Board Members present: Norma St. John, Sally Fitzgerald, Hilary Veilleux, Estelle LaFleur, Dottie Champagne, Candy Murphy, Sue Presby, Allegra Wright

Board Members present by phone:

Friends Members present:

Guests present:

Librarian present: Laura Clerkin

Meeting called to order 6:24pm

October 2, 2025 FOBPL minutes: Norma motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Sally. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: The CD current balance is \$9,805.18, the second CD balance is \$4,369.41, and the checking account current balance is \$13,396.75, for a total of \$27,571.34. The Friends received a donation from the White Mountains Garden Club of \$250.00.

Estelle motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as is, seconded by Hilary. All in favor.

Old Business

Children's Christmas Party, December 6, 2025 – Norma & Hilary went through the crafts on hand and there are enough for the party. No new purchases are needed for this year. Marsha Dickerman is looking forward to being Mrs. Claus again. Candy will bake cookies for the children to decorate. Allegra will reach out to Christina to see if she wants to bake cookies again. Norma will pick up frosting and will let the board know if there is anything else needed. There are plenty of K-cups. Laura asked for disposable tablecloths.

Storywalk© – #10 and #11 are missing the half plexiglass.

Pavillion – the concrete work is underway, and the cement should be poured on Wednesday; the library has the funds for the concrete work; the construction will be done in the spring, and the Friends will pay that portion.

New Business:

Dates of Bake Sales for 2026 – 3/10 Town Election, 9/8 State Primary, 11/3 General Election – Hilary is willing to be the point person for these bake sales. She's also let the town know that the Friends will host the bake sales during the 2026 elections.

Gingerbread contest – The library will have the gingerbread house contest again this year. Submissions are due December 13th and voting will be from the 15th through the 21st. The first prize is a gift certifi-

of \$100.00 to the Little Village Toy and Book Store and the second prize is \$25.00 gift certificate to Legacy Books Store. The library will purchase the prizes, and the Friends will reimburse the library.

Allegra and Sue suggest that the Friends hold a brainstorming session in February to try to improve things for the Friends. Perhaps changing meeting times would be helpful. One of the items for discussion is Candy's suggestion for fundraisers for 2026.

Candy's suggestion for fundraisers for 2026 – Candy received great information for speakers. The things to discuss are when, where, who, and costs. The Rocks will charge a non-profit \$300.00 for a weekend event. June 20th looks like a good date if the speakers and The Rocks are available. Candy will get that information. All in favor.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library – table until December.

Estelle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Norma. The meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 5:30pm.