

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of meeting held March 5, 2026

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

Librarian present: Laura Clerkin

Meeting called to order 5:31pm

December 4, 2025 FOBPL minutes: Hilary motioned to accept the minutes with corrections, seconded by Norma. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: : The CD current balance is \$9,931.15, the second CD balance is \$4,424.65, and the checking account current balance is \$14,301.87, for a total of \$28,657.67. Motion to accept treasurer's report – Estelle. Hilary seconds. All in favor.

Old Business

Bake Sale, March 10, 2026 – Hilary requests baked good for voting Bake Sale. Drop off at library after 1:00pm Monday, between 3:00pm and 4:30pm at town hall, and after 8:00am on Tuesday at town hall. Hilary says she has volunteers for table.

Bake Sale Pricing – Allegra says baked goods should be by donation. Estelle motions to keep Bake Sale pricing as it is since it works well. Dottie seconds it. Maybe do donation basis for Rock fundraiser baked goods table.

Traveling Velocireader – Five Velocireaders are at the library, says Estelle. Laura will put bar code on Velocireaders so library card people can check them out for two weeks just like checking out a library book. Person will keep notebook this goes along with Velocireader – “passport” to log adventure. Allegra asks to change Facebook page title to differ from Friends of Bethlehem .org. Estelle will work on changing it to read N.H. is more recognizable.

September Speakers Program – Fundraiser – Candy wants special meeting to discuss the fundraiser, advertising, flyers, ticket sales, etc, any other ideas at brainstorming meeting. Candy handed out sheet with ideas to bring to meeting. Sue will as Art flyers and or posters. Press release. Candy wants to sell tickets for fundraiser at gazebo concert for cash only. Candy is concerned about her health – she wants a partner to work with her on the fundraiser so someone else will know the details. Date for next brainstorming meeting – Thursday 4/9/2026 at 5:30pm on fundraiser.

Pavillion update – Bob is on track with the pavilion. Changing the white posts to cedar will cost an additional \$4,500.00.

Dolly Parton update – Courtney Vashaw found funder's to support the program through all of 2026. All taken care of.

New Business:

Changing monthly meeting day/time – Sue wonders if it would help to get more members. People think the current time is good for current members/board members.

Newborn books – Sue asks Laura when it started and if there's documentation. Laura will look up documentations. Feel good program to highlight library and will bring kids back to library into adulthood. She wants to bring out things/programs to highlight library. Banner to highlight library at fundraisers.

Barbara Berka moved and left message on Friends email thanking library.

Estelle motions to allocate money for fundraiser. Hilary seconds.

Candy talked to Clare at Little Village wants to sell books of fundraiser speakers.

Laura asks for money for; Bright Star Theater – summer reading program finale – dinosaur theme 250th anniversary Declaration of Independence – Dino academy \$720.00 8/4/2026 Dottie motions to approve. Candy seconds. All in favor.

NH Parks Pass - \$105 - \$125 a person calendar year – six people used it – Sue thinks good idea to do press release. Laura asks for money card – Fairbanks passes - \$150.00 year check out card to use for the day – Sue thinks good to get families involved with library. Programs valuable to library. Candy motioned to fund both – Norma seconded. All in favor. Laura will look for other programs for families.

Norma made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Candy. The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.