

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of meeting held May 1, 2025

Board Members present: Norma St. John, Sally Fitzgerald, Sue Presby, Allegra Wright, Estelle LaFleur

Friends Members present: Candy Murphy

Guests present:

Librarian present:

Meeting called to order 5:32pm

April 3, 2025 FOBPL minutes: Sue motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Norma. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: The CD current balance is \$9,611.18, the second CD balance is \$4,294.67, and the checking account current balance is \$11,755.27, for a total of \$25,661.12. The taxes have been submitted and associated fees paid.

Sue motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Sally. All in favor.

Old Business

Christmas Ornaments, final update (Allegra) – Of the 200 ornaments that were bought, 163 were sold, Allegra has accounted for 31 ornaments, and nine are missing. The Friends earned a profit of \$3,235.76. Regarding next year, Sue doesn't think we should sell them because they are too expensive and too difficult to sell; Candy would like to try one more year but a different ornament style; Sally thought the price was too expensive; Estelle shared that there was little to no marketing for the product contributing to the difficulty in selling ornaments. Norma motioned to put ornaments on hold for the next year, seconded by Sue. All in favor.

Bethlehem Event June 7th – The Friends will partner with Juliet Born of Legacy Bookstores to man a table outside of her shop. We should plan for 300 gift bags. Laura wants to include some library items, possibly the summer reading program flyer, 1000 Books before Kindergarten information. The Friends will include bookmarks, applications, brochures, and gummies in the bags. The staffing schedule is tentatively set at Norma 10am, Candy 11am, Sally 12pm, Allegra 1pm, Hilary 2pm, and Sue 3pm. We will stuff the bags at the June 5th meeting.

Pollinator Garden Clean – Up – Scheduled for May 21 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. All are welcome.

New Business

Donation – Renaissance Charitable \$250 – donation was received, and Hilary sent a thank you note.

Other Business

Discuss By-Law Update re: number of Board Members – any changes to the by-laws must take place at the Annual Meeting – we can plan for it and vote then.

Internet upgrade – concerns regarding the internet/bandwidth were brought up in relation to holding our meetings via Zoom. If this is an issue, would the Friends be able to contribute to increasing the speeds?

Sue made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Candy. The meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 5:30pm.