

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of meeting held October 2, 2025

Board Members present: Norma St. John, Sally Fitzgerald, Hilary Veilleux, Estelle LaFleur

Board Members present by phone: Sue Presby, Allegra Wright

Friends Members present: Candy Murphy

Guests present: Dottie Champagne

Librarian present: Laura Clerkin

Meeting called to order 5:30pm

September 4, 2025 FOBPL minutes: Sally motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Candy. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: The CD current balance is \$9,773.62, the second CD balance is \$4,355.35, and the checking account current balance is \$12,609.84, for a total of \$26,738.81.

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

Old Business

Follow up Pavilion – Laura – One bid was received at a price of \$60,937.00. The bid was accepted and Building Professionals, Inc will construct the pavilion. Laura is asking the She has received grants in the amount of \$25,000.00. She has received an anonymous donation of \$20,000.00 and is asking the Friends to fund approximately \$17,000.00, to cover the balance. Norma motioned that the Friends set aside \$17,000.00 for the pavilion and Sue seconded. All in favor.

Pollinator Garden, plantings – Norma, Hilary, and Connie purchased the female version of winterberry, lavender, sneezewort, columbine, and one other. They will be planted in the Pollinator Garden on Saturday.

Podiums – are installed and look great. They will need to be sealed annually. The cost was \$800.00 for the repairs.

Traveling Velocireader – Candy took him to the 55th Reunion of the Class of Littleton High School held at The Rocks. She shared pictures of the festivities and will post them when the site is ready. He then traveled with Candy and her husband to NJ for his 55th Class Reunion. Estelle will get the Facebook page set up after the Annual Meeting.

New Business

Christmas Party – Norma will check to see how many kits are in storage for the Christmas in Bethlehem Children's Party to determine if any new crafts are needed. It will be held the first Saturday of December, 12/6/2025, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Date of Annual Meeting – One of the items to discuss and vote upon is changing the number of attendees to reach a quorum for meetings. The date of the Annual Meeting will be November 13th.

Speakers at Meetings – Candy shared a Facebook page for Rebecca Rule who recently did a benefit for another library. Candy will reach out to her to see when she may be available for a meeting. She will get costs and dates for future meetings.

Other Business:

Mailing preparation: the mailings will be prepared after the meeting.

Norma made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sally. The meeting adjourned at 6:43PM.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 13, 2025 after the Annual Meeting at 5:30pm.