

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
Minutes of meeting held September 4, 2025

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

Friends Members present: Candy Murphy

Guests present:

Librarian present: Laura Clerkin

Meeting called to order 5:31pm

August 7, 2025 FOBPL minutes: Allegra motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Sally. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: The CD current balance is \$9,741.12, the second CD balance is \$4,340.87, and the checking account current balance is \$13,521.84, for a total of \$27,603.83.

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

Old Business

Report from Shack at concerts – Norma – The total deposited for the Shack was \$4,823.24 and expenses were \$2,989.92 for a profit of \$1,833.32. Rain was a factor in the sales and one less concert than in prior years. Had the weather cooperated and the same number of concerts, we would have made the same last year. There are a few hot dogs, chips, and soda left over and will be donated to Food Pantries.

Follow up Pavilion – Laura – RFP's are out and are due next week. The Trustees will review them and decide who will get the project.

Pollinator Garden – plantings and clean up – Hilary and Norma will get new plantings for the garden. A clean-up will be scheduled at another time.

StoryWalk© Podiums – the podium repairs/replacements are complete. Annual maintenance is required with a special spray to prevent future rot. They are ready for new inserts. The bill hasn't been received yet.

Preparation of ballots and mailings for Annual Meeting – We were unable to get the documents ready in time for this meeting. Allegra and Sue have agreed to be co-presidents. We need a volunteer for the open secretary position. The Annual Meeting will be held on November 6th. Norma will get the envelopes and stamps for the next meeting and the documents, including labels, will be ready to be stuffed at the next meeting.

Update library website and emails – Everything has been changed over to www.bethlehemnhlibrary.gov. All emails are using the same domain for email. Old email is being forwarded to the new addresses for now.

Traveling Velocireader – Estelle will get the Traveling Velocireader information out on Facebook and have the dinos ready for delivery to the library after the Annual Meeting.

New Business

Storage – Norma shared the need for storage for various items. She will bring the TShirts to the library and they will be put out with the book sale. Any leftovers can be donated to the clothing bin. The dino gummies will be given out at the Christmas Party. Estelle will take the paper/brochures. The crafts will be used for the Christmas Party.

Possible speakers for upcoming meetings: Rebbeca Rule, Fred Marple, the Frost Heaves band, and Ken Burns – Candy suggested that everyone research them for a future meeting – possibly an Annual Meeting.

Norma made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Allegra. The meeting adjourned at 6:36PM.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 5:30pm.