

**Friends of the Braden River Library
Board of Directors Minutes**

May 20, 2022

At the Braden River Library

1. President Judy Mullen called the meeting to order at 4:30

Those attending were: Judy Mullen, Cathy Laird, Linda Rado, Gene Rado, Bill Hager, Sharry Lueck, Sue Capparella, Mary Frueh, Mel Mandelkorn . Unable to attend were Bernice Jones, Eirinn Camphire, Neela Chari, Reva Gandhi and Shelli Bentley.

To show our appreciation to Bill Hager, our treasurer for over 30 years, we gave Bill a book magnifier and thanked him for his many years of service.

2. Minutes: The minutes from the February 18, 2022 meeting were posted on line. Gene moved to approve the minutes as written and Sue seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurers Report - Gene Rado: Total funds end of April is \$29604, which includes the \$7,115 CD. Since interest rates are so low, Gene recommended that the money be kept in the checking account.

Sharry moved to accept the treasurers report and Bill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Programing Report – Judy reporting for Bernice: Bernice was pleased with the attendance of all the programs except the first one. She is planning on bringing back the Asolo Players and the What's it Worth appraisal program with Mike Ivankovich. Sharry commented that Ranger Dan Stephens enjoyed presenting the program on De Soto and he would be happy to present another program or even a lecture series.

5. Social Media Report: Shelli asked for pictures of events be sent to her and she would post them. Mary will monitor Instagram.

6 Cathy & Mary: The library will be hiring 2 new full time & 2 new part time people so the library can expand its hours. Interviews are done and background checks are in progress. Olivia is gone and Jamie will be starting the end of June. One new staff member is fluent in Spanish & may do a blurb in the newsletter. Volunteer coordinators are Jill & Mary. It is possible extended library hours could start before August 1st but will definitely start on August 1st. There will be 2 shifts a day. The librarians are looking for program ideas for those extra hours to bring patrons in. The new library hours will be:

Monday – Friday: 9am to 8pm Friday & Saturday: 9am – 6pm Sunday: Closed

Cathy requested \$200 for another 6-week yoga class. It has been very popular and the instructor offered to do it again for a reduced amount. The class limit is set at 18 people and it is free. Gene moved to grant the request and Mel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary talked about SWANK films – where they can show movies in the library for free. One idea was to show Alfred Hitchcock films in October to go along with Halloween. The question was raised if there was a list of movies to pick from. (I checked later and yes there is).

Chris talked about their 3 successful youth programs: the Spring egg hunt, the earth day fair & the Mother's Day tea. She is now gearing up for the summer reading program and requested \$1,495 to be used for performers in the Summer Youth Programs. The invoices and information on the individual performers/programs had been emailed to the board. Gene moved that the request be granted and Mel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (see attached)

A question was raised by Gene to have more meetings since Chris's request was sent out so close to the board meeting. After a discussion it was decided to stick with the quarterly meetings.

7. Old Business - Judy: As president, Judy is authorized to make payments without board approval, but she would like the treasurers report to show the breakdown of expenses.

The Giving Challenge was held from noon on April 26th to noon on April 27th. Forty-five people participated and \$2,771.50 was donated for our library. With the matching money we should receive around \$5,500. A discussion ensued and it was recommended that we start planning in October for the next one.

8. New Business: New Book Sale - Sue: It had been suggested that we look into having an ongoing book sale. A section of shelving has already been set aside. Sue, Judy & Linda went to Rocky Bluff to check theirs out – they bring in around \$500 a month. Rocky Bluff has suggested donation sticker amounts on each book – but the amounts were not uniform. Books in the boutique section had a higher amount. Sue recommended that the suggest donation amount be uniform – the same as the book sale and that a sign be posted for recommended donations instead of stickers on each item and the board agreed. Judy will look into buying a lock box and label holders. As long as there is a suggested donation amount instead of a price there is no sales tax.

Newsletter – Judy: Please give ideas to Judy for newsletter articles.

Insurance – The board is now insured and we are now in compliance with our bylaws and the state.

The Circus Conservatory sent us a thank you to us for letting them do their program.

Gene said that in order to be in compliance with Florida law Board meeting dates and the Agenda would need to be posted. Cathy said she would post the Friends Board meetings on the bulletin board where it would stay for the year.

The board was in favor of having an April program. There are no more limits on the number of people attending the programs, but the library does have the option to limit the number of people depending on the space available.

The question was raised if we should have a volunteer luncheon next year or giving volunteers a gift. Not knowing what the covid situation would be, a boxed lunch could be an option. No decision was made.

The idea to sell book bags at the book sale was raised. We now charge \$5 a bag and we could charge \$10 for the books & bag. Judy and Sharry will check into tote bags.

9. Meeting dates for 2023: all meetings starting at 4:40

February 17 May 19th August 18th November 17th

10. **Possible Program dates for 2022/2023**

December 2/9/16 2022

January 7/14/22 2023

February 4/11/18 2023

March 4/11/18 2023

April 1/8/15 2023

Gene moved to adjourn the meeting and Mel seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50
Next meeting August 19th @ 4:30

Respectfully Submitted

Sharry Lueck, Secretary