

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
Friends of the Braden River Library
August 19, 2022
4915 53rd Ave. East, Bradenton, FL 34203

The Meeting was called to order at 4:35 by Judy Mullen. Present were Judy Mullen, Gene Rado, Linda Rado, Sue Capparella, Eirinn Camphire, Bill Hager, and Mel Mandelkorn, Also attending were librarians, Cathy Laird, Mary Frueh and Molly Saunders. Not present were Bernice Jones, Shelli Bentley, Sharry Lueck and Neela Chari

In Sharry's absence, Judy presented the Minutes and asked for discussion and any changes. Gene added a change to the Minutes from Page 2, #8, third paragraph as follows:

Minutes read: "Gene said that we were not in compliance with having meetings announced to the Friends members in advance and having an agenda posted."

Changed to: "Gene said that in order to be in compliance with Florida law Board meeting dates and the Agenda would need to be posted.

A motion was made by Gene to approve the Minutes as amended, seconded by Bill and approved. Motion was unanimously approved.

The financial reports had been furnished to all the Board Members in advance of this meeting. Gene asked for any questions or discussion. There was none, a motion was made by Erinn to approve the reports, seconded by Sue and unanimously approved.

Gene reported on the number of new members after they were sent a reminder email. Regular emailing will be sent to members as their memberships expire. There are currently 133 active members.

In Bernice's absence, Judy went over the programs scheduled for December 2022 to April 2023. She thanked Bernice for her work in getting these set up so early.

An email from Shelli Bentley was sent to all the Board Members asking for assistance in providing photos and information for the Friend's Face Book, Instagram, etc.

The Librarian's reports included:

Expanded hours are now in effect and are working well. 9-8 M-Th, 9-6 Fri and Sat.

New staff has been hired to cover the new hours and replace Olivia, who resigned. These include Jeimy (pronounced Jamie), Paula, Mira and a second Crystal.

The summer children's programs were very successful with increased attendance. Chris provided an album of photos showing the various activities.

Trivia will resume Sept. 19, at 6 PM for one hour in room 205 (3rd Monday of the Month). Mel will pick up snacks and bottled water. Cat Habora will be the staff helper.

Cathy reported on the new library garden, with mulch donated by Lowes, and the plan to install micro-irrigation. The Friends may be asked to pay for this.

Molly reported on teen projects and classes at the library. Fall programs will include films adapted from books. The new president of the Teen Advisory Board is Reva's sister, Nadia Gandhi.

Yoga series will start Sept. 7.

Mary will be conducting a series of Arts and Crafts classes. Sign up will be online for each class individually.

Book Sale will start Aug. 31, from 3-7 for Members only. At the end of the sale, books will be boxed and saved for the Book Nook and for sending to the Jail inmates. The feather flag is in the shed. Remaining books will be picked up Tuesday by the Salvation Army.

The idea of special gifts for the volunteers was brought up, as was the possibility of a brunch or other food event. No decision was made. Mary will check into any county requirements for food served at events.

Gene brought up the Friends website. He is willing to work on development and welcomes assistance from any Board Member who has experience.

The next meeting will be Nov. 18, 4:30 at the library.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:45

Prepared by Mel Mandelkorn with some assistance from Judy Mullen.

Individual tasks discussed:

Mary check on food protocol.

Judy send notice of book sale to Observer

Judy buy bottled water for book sale volunteers

Mel buy water and snacks for Trivia

Someone to work on catchy Book Nook bookmarks or Flyers