

FRIENDS OF THE BRADEN RIVER LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2023
4915 53rd Ave. East, Bradenton, FL 34203

Judy Mullen called the meeting to order at 4:15.

A. Those attending were: Judy Mullen, Gene Rado, Linda Rado, Sue Capparella, Bill Hager, Sharry Lueck, Bernice Jones, Eirinn Camphire. Also attending were Chris Culp & Cathy Laird, Librarians. Unable to attend were Shelli Bentley, Mel Mandelkorn and Nadia Gandhi

B. Secretary's Report – Sharry: Gene moved to accept the minutes sent out by email and Linda seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Treasurer's Report - Gene:

- Gene reviewed the January Financials and current assets.
- Sharry moved to accept the financials and Sue seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. (see attached)

D. Old Business

1. Book Sale

- Total of 39 volunteers filling 80 slots
- 527 patrons stopped at the sale
- Income - \$3,453
- Raffle basket – \$80 (Sue donated the basket & Chris filled it)
- Next book sale August 9-12th
- Sue set aside books for the Port Manatee jail & they will be picked up
- Many thanks to Sue for her leadership role with the book sale

2. Program review

- Programs have been well attended but not at capacity.
- Trivia night has been running 15-20 each session.
- Notices have been put in the Observer, signs inside and outside. Linda has posted on Next Door & her community website & encouraged others to do the same
- The next program is on February 18th *What's It Worth*, Appraisal Program by Mike Ivankovich

E. New Business

1. Web page presentation – Gene went over the sections of the web page
 - Emails will be sent out to all friends whose email addresses we have and letters will be sent to those whose addresses we don't have telling them about the new website. The letters will ask for updated information & if they have an email address.
 - Notices will be sent to remind members that their membership will be expiring on a certain date & informing them of upcoming program dates.
 - Huge thanks to Gene for developing the website. He asked that pictures of various events and programs be sent to him so they can be posted.
2. Bradentucky Bombers Roller Derby: Jeimy, one of the librarians, is a member of the roller derby team. She had approached Gene saying that the team was looking for charitable organizations to donate money to. Jeimy was asked to come and give us more information.
 - It would involve selling raffle tickets for 2 hours at a home event at the Ellenton ice complex. The team would have a raffle and we would be welcome to make a raffle basket of our own.
 - All money from the raffle would go to the charitable organization plus 50% of profits of tickets sold using a certain code that we would be given.
 - The board response was positive and Jeimy will get back to us with more information.
3. Commission meeting about the library: County librarians plan to attend to meeting to speak up for libraries. Judy was looking for a representative to go as she has a prior engagement and can't attend the meeting on Tuesday. Sharry said she would plan to go & Judy will give her the address and time.
4. Vice President nomination: Sharry nominated Gene Rado as vice president and Sue seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Gene will conduct meetings if Judy is unable to attend but will not take over the president position if open.
5. Librarian Report: Mary had to leave but Cathy reported that
 - Aliza Brylinsky is the newest employee.
 - They are almost finished with the RFID tagging – just have the long wall of nonfiction left.

- The county is in the process of purchasing self-checkout machines. The RFID tags in the items will allow patrons to put a stack of items on the machine and everything will be checked out at once.

6. **Adjournment** – 5:10 - Gene moved that the meeting be adjourned and the motion was seconded by Sharry. The motion was unanimously approved.

Next meeting May 19, 2023 at 4:00

Sharry Lueck, Secretary

Date

January, 2023 Financials

	Current Month	Year to Date
Revenues		
Membership	\$690	\$ 690
Book Sale	\$3,253	\$ 3,253
Book Nook Sales	\$112	\$ 112
Amazon Smile	\$ 0	\$ 0
Giving Challenge	\$ 0	\$ 0
Miscellaneous	\$ 0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$4,055	\$4,055
Expenses		
Events		
Kids Events	\$125	\$125
Teen Events	\$0	\$0
Adult Events	\$250	\$250
Total Events	\$375	\$375
Other		
Book Page Subscription	\$0	\$0
USPO Mailbox	\$0	\$0
D&O Insurance	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$75	\$75
Total Other	\$75	\$75
Total Expenses	\$450	\$450
Income/Loss	\$3,605	\$3,605
Equity as of Last Month	\$36,629	
Equity at January 31, 2023	\$40,234	