

**FRIENDS OF THE BRADEN RIVER LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

November 18, 2022

4915 53rd Ave. East, Bradenton, FL 34203

Judy Mullen called the meeting to order at 4:05.

1. Those attending were: Judy Mullen, Gene Rado, Linda Rado, Sue Capparella, Bill Hager, Mel Mandelkorn, Sharry Lueck, Bernice Jones and Nadia Chari. Also attending was Mary Frueh, Librarian. Unable to attend was Shelli Bentley.

2. Welcome: The board welcomed Nadia Chari, our new teen member.

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

4. Treasurer's Report - Gene:

- Gene reviewed the October Financials and current assets. Our CD is going to expire on November 19th. Gene and Judy will go the bank, cash it in and get another CD for 13 months at 3%.
- Sharry moved to accept the financials and Linda seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. (see attached)
- Current membership is 160

5. Social Media:

- Shelli would like pictures to post. Several ideas were presented – a person with their library receipt saying “I just saved \$\$\$ in ## years, ...Caught reading at the library. Gene would also like pictures for the Friends website he is developing. Mary will have copies of the calendar sent to Shelli & Gene and will ask Mara from Marketing to help with social media ideas.

6. Librarians Report – Mary Frueh

- Mary asked for \$420 to fund 2 sessions of Addie's 5-week yoga sessions. \$210 for each session. It is well attended and the limit is 16. Mary also asked for \$180 for Nick Hauser's programs on art - \$45 each. Gene moved to approve funding for the yoga sessions and for Nick Hauser's programs. Bernice seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Chris was awarded a \$500 grant for the sensory garden for native plants.

7. Old Business

- Judy’s lobby display celebrated National Friends of Libraries Week. There was an article in the Observer – Dog Days at the Library

8. New Business

- Amended By-laws – the by-laws had not been updated since the Friends Group was founded. Gene updated them and they were sent by email to the board to review. After a short discussion, Sharry moved to approve the amended by-laws and Sue seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Judy and Sharry then signed the by-laws.
- Judy asked that we let the new county commissioners know that libraries are important and that we appreciate their support. Mary will email their contact information to the board.
- Bernice presented the schedule of Friend’s Programs for the 22-23 season at 11:00 and asked for hosts to set up and buy water & snacks (reimbursed) (see attached)

December 17 *Holiday Music* by Aloha Ukalele Group
 January 23 *Plaza Suite* by Arts Alliance Play Readers
 February 18 *What’s It Worth*, Appraisal Program by Mike Ivankovich
 March 18 *American Trilogy*, Musical program by Dave DeLuca, Black Tie Talent
 April 15 *Pioneer Women of Manatee* by Alison O’Leary, Education Coordinator, Manatee Village Historical Park

- Sue gave the dates for the next book sale – January 25-28th. She will be calling for volunteers.
- Donations for Friends programs?– yes is okay to ask for donations for Friend’s sponsored events
- Gene presented the Friend’s website that he is developing and it was well received.

9. Adjournment – 5:35 - Gene moved that the meeting be adjourned and the motion was seconded by Sharry. The motion was unanimously approved.

Next meeting February 17, 2023 at 4:00

Sharry Lueck, Secretary

Date

