

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

**May 29, 2023**

4915 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave. East, Bradenton, FL 34203

President Judy Mullen called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM

**I. Those attending were:** Judy Mullen, Gene Rado, Linda Rado, Bill Hager, Sharry Lueck, Bernice Jones, Mel Mandelkorn and Nadia Gandhi. Also attending were Chris Culp and Mary Freuh, Librarians. Sue Capparella, Shelli Bentley and Eirinn Camphire were unable to attend.

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

**III. Treasurer's Report – Gene:** Sharry moved to accept the financials and Mel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**IV. New Business**

**A. Funding for Proposed Adult programs**

1. Mary Freuh passed out the proposed adult programs for August-December 2023 and requested money to fund them.

**Adult Programs Proposed for August-December 2023**

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| <b>1. Yoga Series 1</b> | <b>\$210 for 5 week series OR \$420 for 2 5-week series</b> |
| <b>Addie Balde</b>      | September (last year a Series II was held in November)      |

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| <b>2. Nick Hauser</b> | <b>\$40 each \$160 for all 4</b> |
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| Edvard Munch and Friends   | 9/21  |
| Gustav Klimt and Friends   | 10/19 |
| Modern Native American Art | 11/16 |
| Battle of the Bulge        | 12/07 |

*Topics may change depending on Nick's confirmation.*

- 3. Coder School** (Gave us 2 free program s this year)

3 dates – September, October & November     **\$200 per session = \$600**

The Coder School would like to book once a month for 3 months but they charge \$200 for each program. Mary asked Jyna and was told "The Foundation would not pay for it. My suggestion is that you try the Friends. If they won't, let me know and we'll work it out." It's a program for kids 7-11 years of age and fairly popular. I think it's something the library system and patrons would like to see more of and I did discuss one Saturday a month with Peter Christinzio. His email is [pchristinzio@thecoderschool.com](mailto:pchristinzio@thecoderschool.com). They **average 12-16 registrants** but the last class only had 7 probably due to the end of the school year and sports starting.

- 4. Dan Stephens – History program (De Soto National Memorial Park Ranger**

We plan to book Dan for July and September     \$50 Honorarium each

2. After discussion Gene moved to approve #1 the Yoga Series for \$210, #2 Nick Hauser for \$160 and #4 Ranger Dan Stephens from De Soto National Memorial. Linda seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. After more discussion Sharry moved to table the Coder School request. (Background – Central had paid for sessions and the Library Foundation gave us two free programs. The feeling was that \$600 was too much money to spend for so few people.) Gene seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
4. Judy presented Mary with a card signed by the board as she will be retiring June 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **B. Funding for the 2023 Summer Budget: Youth Programs – World Theme**

1. Chris Culp, Children's Librarian, reported on their successful Earth Day Celebration and thanked the friends for helping fund the garden. The friends bought soil and the library had a grant for the plants. The garden raffle basket netted \$109. The library would like to buy a small sun dial & birdbath.
2. Chris presented her budget for the 2023 Youth Programs and described the various programs. The Summer Reading program will have a world theme and the Braden River Branch was assigned the continent of Asia.

### **2023 Summer Budget: Youth Programs – World Theme**

Thursdays 2-3 pm

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| June 8 – Natural Resources – Celebrate Ocean Day                 | Free  |
| June 15 – Didgeridoo Down Under – Australian Music/Entertainment | \$350 |
| June 22 – Reptiles with the Big Cat Habitat                      | \$300 |
| June 29 – Save our Planet – Recycling (Utilities)                | Free  |
| July 6 – Big Time Bubble Show and Play                           | \$415 |
| July 13 – Bits and Pieces Puppet Show – The Selfish Giant        | \$300 |
| July 20 – Jungle Gardens – Feathered Friends                     | \$375 |
| July 29 – Mulan End of Summer Party (Chris)                      | Free  |
| As needed (summer supplies budget)                               | \$150 |

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| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$1,890</b> |
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3. Linda moved that the budget be approved and Gene seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **C. Book sale** We made a total of \$6,300 between the two book sales last year.)

1. There will be a hiatus for large donations until the book sale. Libraries are short staffed and don't have the time to cart boxes around. The books placed in the book drops will be accepted and will be situated on the Friend's book sale shelves.
2. Last year all library volunteers received a free coupon for a free book at the book sale.
3. Chris will make up a raffle basket for the book sale.

## D. Friend's Programs for 2022-2023

### 1. Bernice reported on the Friends Programs

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| Holiday program -Aloha Ukelele Group | 47 attended | Free          |
| Plaza Suite – Arts Alliance          | 27 attended | \$200         |
| What's it Worth - Mike Ivankovich    | 35 attended | \$395         |
| American Trilogy –Dave DeLuca        | 37 attended | \$300         |
| Pioneer Women of Manatee -           | 39 attended | Honorium \$50 |

2. Bernice does not want to book Mike Ivankovich again because of an inappropriate comment he made that offended an older man when he brought his item up to be appraised. The suggestion was made to communicate with Mike about the incident and depending on his response then decide whether or not to have him return.

### 3. Upcoming Programs

#### **Friends of the Braden River Library One Hour Programs 2023/2024: Saturdays @ 11AM**

**Dec. 16** *Holiday Music*, by Aloha Ukalele group. **Free**

**Jan. 20** **IMPROV: Will Luera,** **\$100.00**  
**Director of Improv at Florida Studio Theater.**

**Feb. 17** **Cook Theater group?**

**March 16** **Jeff Olesen's "Achilles and the 3 heels".** **\$300.00**  
**(barbershop quartet, etc.)**

**April 20** **Manatee Village Historical Park.** **Free**  
**Lecture to be announced**

**3 Crime Prevention Lectures:** Tom Kaczmarek of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office. **Free**

Deputy Kaczmarek has 20 years of experience serving 7 years as a Detective. While serving as a Detective, Deputy Kaczmarek investigated numerous cases that involved fraud, elderly exploration contractor fraud, property crimes and criminal statewide trends. Deputy Kaczmarek holds a current designation from the Attorney General's Office of Florida. Deputy Kaczmarek through his investigations, has seen many cases successfully prosecuted not only in Manatee County, but other jurisdictions. The topics covered will be from his experience and interviews with suspects, who typically commit these crimes against citizens in our area.

1) June 13 @ 1:00 PM: **Fraud and Scams.**

This lecture covers fraud and scams that plague our community and victimize citizens, including online scams.

2) August 7 @ 1:00 PM: **Residential Security.**

This lecture discusses steps needed to secure our residence and help limit the chances of being a victim.

3) September 12 @ 1:00: **Active Shooters.**

This lecture discusses methods needed to help survive an active assailant attack. This covers the run, hide, fight program.

#### **E. Lakewood Ranch Library – Monetary Donation**

1. It was suggested that the Friends donate \$100 towards the opening book collection for the new library. Sharry moved to donate \$100 for the book collection at the Lakewood Ranch Library. Linda seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **F. Time Change for Board Meetings**

1. Board members who are still working are not able to attend the 4:00 PM meetings. After discussion, it seemed Tuesdays might work best and to move the time back since the library is now open until 8pm. Judy will contact Shelli and Eirinn to ascertain if that will work for them.

**G. Library Commission meeting – comments by attendees:** Tabled – ran out of time.

**H. Book Challenges Program – comments:** Tabled – ran out of time.

#### **I. President Judy – Comments**

1. Donation of Enlarger by Bill to the library for patron use.
2. Snacks for the staff were purchased for National Library Workers Day
3. Authorized donation of funds for the garden.
4. Bernice brought up that the County wouldn't print the Friends applications. Judy stated that the Presidents of all Library Friends groups will meet next week so we tabled the issue.

Gene moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 and Bernice seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**The next meeting is tentatively set for August 18, 2023. Time to be announced.**

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Sharry Lueck, Secretary

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Date