

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

**August 7, 2024**

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

**1. Call to order, attendance**

President Mary Frueh called the meeting to order at 6:05

Those attending were: Mary Frueh, Judy Mullen, Gene Rado, Linda Rado, Sue Capparella, Bill Hager, Sharry Lueck, Bernice Jones, Louise Hauser, Mel Mandelkorn and Cathy Laird.

Unable to attend were Nadia Gandhi and Eirinn Camphire.

**2. Welcome:** Judy welcomed everyone & thanked them for coming.

**a. Board of Directors of the Friends of the Braden River Library**

Mary Frueh	President
Judy Mullen	Vice President
Gene Rado	Treasurer
Sharry Lueck	Secretary
Bernice Jones	Programs
Sue Capparella	Book sales
Nadia Gandhi	Teen Advisory

**Board Representatives**

Eirinn Camphire	Director
Bill Hager	Director
Mel Mandelkorn	Director
Linda Rado	Director
Louise Hauser	Director
Cathy Laird	Library Liaison
Susan Hustwit	Library Liaison

**3. Secretary's Report: Sharry Lueck**

The minutes for the May 15, 2024 meeting were posted online. Sharry asked if there were any corrections – the year was incorrect under the Secretary's report – should be 2024. Gene moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Bernice seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**4. Treasurer's Report: Gene Rado (see attached)**

Gene gave an overview of the financials. He also thanked Judy & her team for their help with the Giving Challenge which raised a little over \$5,000. He also mentioned that Chris's last raffle basket made \$277 & gave thanks for her doing the baskets.

Sharry moved to accept the report and Judy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**5. Book Sale - Sue Capperella**

Sue has been making calls to volunteers asking for help at the sale. If needed Gene can send a bulk email asking for help. We have received lots of donations and Sue thanked Linda for help in boxing them up. Mel will buy 2 cases of water for volunteers & maybe cookies.

Bookmarks with the hours will be put out at the desk two weeks before & the hours will be displayed on the sign.

Gene will send emails about the sale, two weeks before, one week before & two days before the sale.

**Dates for the August book sale are August 27-31**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug. 27</b>	3pm - 7pm - <b>for members only</b>
Wednesday	Aug. 28	10 am - 7pm
Thursday	Aug. 29	10 am - 7pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug. 30</b>	<b>library is closed</b>
Saturday	Aug. 31	9 am - 3 pm

Sue would like to have a table for higher priced items. We also need to decide where the table with crafts for sale will be located – possibly in the lobby.

**6. Librarian's Report – Cathy Laird**

- a. Tropical Storm Debbie caused minor leakage in two known problem spots. The drainage ditch worked and there was no flooding.
- b. Susan Hustwit is expecting twins in December and will be taking a short leave
- c. There was a request for a 9x12 rug in the teen space for \$259. Sharry moved that we approve \$259 for the teen rug. Sue seconded the notion. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. The work room is undergoing renovations - some shelving will be replaced by desks so each employee has their own computer.
- e. Braden River Library has been designated an early voting site for 10-12 days starting on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>. A library staff member must be there while it is open, even on Sunday.
- f. Cathy thanked the Friends for the money given for the summer reading program. It was a success with over 3,000 children participating.
- g. With the opening of the Lakewood Ranch library daily attendance has gone down as expected and welcomed as they were often overcrowded. Program attendance is about the same.
- h. A librarian desk will be placed in the teen area to keep an eye on the maker space and meeting room areas.
- i. There was a request for \$599 to buy a new 3D printer for the MakerSpace to replace the two existing ones that are no longer working. Cathy said staff have been trying to fix them but they are at the end of their life and worked as long as expected. After some discussion Gene amended an earlier motion to provide \$599 for the 3D printer but have Cathy ask the Library Foundation for the money also– maybe they could get 2 printers. Bernice seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- j. The cost for the yoga program has increased from \$60 to \$70 per week beginning September 2024. Gene moved to approve the new contract for Manching Yoga. Linda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**7. \$25 was requested** for a gift card for the upcoming Staff Development Day in October. Gene moved to provide the \$25. Bernice seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



**8. Programing report** – On Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> the Aloha ukulele group will be presenting a holiday program and will receive a \$50 honorarium. Bernice is working on other dates.

**9. Marketing Plan** – Judy Mullen sent approved notices to the East County Observer, Bradenton Herald, Spectrum Bay News 9 Community Calendar. She is hoping that someone will take this over.

**10. Friends Presidents meeting & luncheon with Manatee County Foundation**

- a. There was a request for funds for Friends' pins – oval 1" @ \$1.38 each with the Manatee Library logo & "Friend" underneath. Mary advised Sue Ann Miller to purchase 150 pins on July 20, 2024 & the LWR Friends treasurer will be sending us an invoice. If they are here by the book sale, Friends members will be given one when they register or re-register.
- b. Labels for the Book Page didn't arrived yet – a sign was put on the holder stating that they were provided by the Manatee Library Foundation. Sharry has volunteered to put on the labels when they arrive.
- c. SAVE THE DATE: Manatee Library Foundation Fundraiser April 4, 2025 at the Grove. Friend's groups may be asked to host a table. There will be a special guest speaker – more information to follow.

*We believe the Manatee County Public Libraries are vital to the success of our community.  
Our support strengthens the Libraries ability to foster excellence today and tomorrow.*

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**11. National Friends of Libraries Week is October 20-26**

- a. We will have a display and a table in the lobby.
  - b. Plans are in the works for a staff celebration in the Fall. A request has been made for funds to purchase refreshments as a thank you to the staff. Sharry offered to help Mary & Judy coordinate the event.
- Sharry moved that we spend up to \$100 for refreshments. Sue seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Manatee County Chamber of Commerce** – no other Friend's groups are joining so it is not necessary.
- 2. "In Memoriam" books.** Mary purchased the fiction books which was made possible by donations in memory of library patron Phyllis Spurgeon. Acquisitions will be adding name plates to the books when cataloging & processing.
- 3. Spinner for the garden** – funds were requested, but we already have one so it was dropped
- 4. Murder mystery program.** We tabled this proposal brought to the board by Susan. We can bring it up again after the twins are born and she is back at work.

Meeting dates for next year are:      Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 Annual Meeting  
Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00      Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00  
Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00      Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00

Bernice moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 and it was seconded by Gene.

**Next regular meeting date is Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sharry Lueck,**

**Secretary**

**See attached Treasurer's report**

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## July 2024 Financials

	Current Month	Year to Date
<b>Revenues</b>		
Membership	\$201	\$2,308
Book Sale	\$0	\$3,770
Book Nook Donations	\$77	\$530
Amazon Smile	\$0	\$0
Giving Challenge	\$5,042	\$4,976
Miscellaneous	\$368	\$1,989
Interest income from CD	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,688</b>	<b>\$13,573</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Events</b>		
Kids events	\$334	\$2,626
Teen events	\$0	\$0
Adult Events	\$260	\$2,833
<b>Total Events</b>	<b>\$594</b>	<b>\$5,549</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Book Page Subscription	\$0	\$(360)
USPO Mailbox	\$0	\$256
D&O Insurance	\$0	\$345
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$477
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$718</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$594</b>	<b>\$6,177</b>
<b>Income/Loss</b>	<b>\$5,094</b>	<b>\$7,396</b>
<b>Equity as of Last Month</b>	<b>\$39,924</b>	
<b>Equity April 30, 2003</b>	<b>\$45,017</b>	