

FRIENDS OF THE BRADEN RIVER LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
February 19, 2025
4715 53rd Ave. E, Bradenton, FL 34203

1. Call to order

Interim President, Judy Mullen, called the meeting to order at 6:04. Judy is filling in until we find a new president.

2. Thank you - Judy welcomed Jerry Goldberg to the board and thanked everyone for attending. She also gave a special thank you to Sue for all her work organizing & running the book sale and to Linda for all the help she gave Sue with organizing & storing the books. We were also thankful for all the volunteers who helped with the book sale which was the best one ever money wise. We raised a total of \$4,375.30! Around 588 people came to shop & we signed up several new members.

3. Those attending were: Judy Mullen, Gene Rado, Linda Rado, Sue Capparella, Sharry Lueck, Louise Hauser, Nadia Gandhi, Mel Mandelkorn, Jerry Goldberg and Cathy Laird. Unable to attend was Bernice Jones. Bill Hager retired from the board and we signed a card thanking him for his many years as a board member.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Financial report: Gene reported Equity at the end of January is \$50,537. (see attachment)
Sharry moved that the financial report be approved, Louise seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

2. Minutes: Sharry posted the minutes from the 2025 Annual Membership Meeting online. Gene moved that the minutes be accepted, Mel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. January book sale: Sue reported on the sale and talked about the expansion of the book nook. Louise will write a publicity blurb that Gene will send out to all the Friends members and will post on our webpage. Judy suggested that we have a new grand opening to draw attention to it.

4. Programming Report: The December "Holiday Music" and the January Play Readers "Send Me No Flowers" programs were a huge success with full houses. But the IMPROV on Saturday was a disappointment with poor turnout. There was a new leader as last year's presenter, Will Luera, is no longer with FST

5. Summer School Age Program: Children's Librarian Chris handed out the program schedule and asked for \$2,170 to fund it. Last year the library paid for decorations but will not this year so \$100 was added for that. (see attachment). Gene moved that we pay the \$2,170, Linda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. After a brief discussion about decorations costing more than presented, Sharry amended the motion to increase the amount to \$2,200. Sue seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (There is a possibility of the Library Foundation paying for the program next year).

6. The Library Foundation is hosting a fundraiser featuring Laura Bush Hager as the speaker on Friday, April 4th starting at 11:00 a.m. at The Grove ballroom in Lakewood Ranch. Judy suggested that we buy 2 tickets for a cost of \$300 and send a library staff member and a board member who would be picked at random. Jerry moved to approve the motion, Louise seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

7. A children's playground will be built behind the library and we were informed by administration that the shed must go. There is a possibility that a shed could be placed in another area. The current shed has some wood rot and we don't believe it could survive a move. Gene researched storage sheds and the most expensive one he found is around \$2,000. Hopefully a new shed in a different spot is an option, otherwise we need some out of the box thinking of different options and fundraising possibilities.

8. Please add the dates & times of the Friend's library programs to your calendar and try to attend. Sharry will compile a list of the programs with dates and times and send it out by email. Gene will send it to Friend's members plus post it on our website.

9. Cathy – Administration does not want donation baskets out during Friend's sponsored programs. They want the library to be free. However, we can still announce that the program is funded by the Friends and if they would like to give a donation, to give it to the board member by the door. Linda will write a script that could be read. Cathy will be retiring at the end of August. (Our next board president???? after some time off of course!)

Gene moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:08 p.m., it was seconded by Judy and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharry Lueck
Secretary

January, 2025 Financials

	Current Month	Year to Date
Revenues		
Membership	\$435	\$435
Book Sale	\$2,566	\$2,566
Book Nook Donations	\$87	\$87
Amazon Smile	\$0	\$0
Giving Challenge	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$248	\$248
Interest income from CD	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$3,336	\$3,336
Expenses		
Events		
Kids events	\$0	\$0
Teen events	\$0	\$0
Adult Events	\$503	\$503
Total Events	\$503	\$503
Other		
Book Page Subscription	\$0	\$0
USPO Mailbox	\$0	\$0
D&O Insurance	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$56	\$56
Total Other	\$56	\$56
Total Operating Expenses	\$559	\$559
Capital Donations to the Library	\$0	\$0
Income/Loss	\$2,777	\$2,777
Equity as of Last Month	\$47,760	
Equity January 31, 2025	\$50,537	

2025 Summer School Age Programs at Braden River

Saturday, June 7 10-11:30am	Pirates invade Braden River! Kick off Summer Learning with the Anna Maria Privateers	(free)
Thursday, June 12 th 2-3pm	Bubble Fun/Big Idea Productions	(\$395)
Thursday, June 19 th	Mad Science	(\$425)
Saturday, June 21 st (Tweens, Teens)	Come hear about the newest additions to the Universal Epic Universe. Learn how a new attraction goes from concept to finished ride. With Engineer Associate Jeremy Kent. Enter raffle for a Universal Goodies basket	(free)
Thursday, June 26 th	Katie Addams: How Color Came to the World: Folk Tales from Latin America with Shadow Puppetry	(\$275)
Saturday, June 28 th 11-12pm	MonsterPiece Theatre – Beauty & the Beast Presented by Miss Chris and her merry band of Puppeteers	(free)
Thursday, July 3 rd 2-3pm	Out of My ursday, July 24 th (free)Hands, Juggling and Magic!	(\$350)
Thursday, July 10 th	Bits & Pieces Puppets present “Puss in Boots	(\$300)
Thursday, July 17 th		(free)
Thursday, July 24 th		(free)
Saturday, July 26 th	End of Summer Dance party with DC City Beat	(\$325)
	Decorating/Supplies for crafts	(\$100)
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Total:		\$2170.
Total awarded:		\$2200