

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

May 21, 2025

4715 53rd Ave. E, Bradenton, FL 34203

1. Call to order: Interim President, Judy Mullen, called the meeting to order at 6:01.
2. Those attending: Judy Mullen, Gene Rado, Linda Rado, Sue Capparella, Sharry Lueck, Mel Mandelkorn and Cathy Laird. Unable to attend were Bernice Jones, Louise Hauser, Nadia Gandhi and Jerry Goldberg
2. Judy welcomed those attending. Bill Hager tendered his resignation from the Board and has stepped down as co-leader of both Trivia and Bingo. Bill is generously allowing us to use his massive collection of Trivia questions. Linda has stepped in as his replacement and Sharry has offered to help.
3. Treasurer's report: Gene reported equity at the end of April \$54,541. (See attachment) Sharry moved that the financial report be approved, Sue seconded the motion and it passed unanimously
4. Sharry had emailed the minutes from the February meeting. Gene moved that the minutes be accepted, Sue seconded the motion and it passed unanimously
5. Thanks went out to Sue & Linda for their work in expanding the Book Nook and for creating and sending out an email announcing the expansion. It has brought in \$558 for the last 4 months.
6. Thanks to Linda for creating a script for explaining funding for programs and suggesting ways attendees can support the Friends. (A copy is available for use in the kitchen)
7. Programing report: Bernice reports full attendance at all programs except the Improv program. She plans to invite the Aloha ukulele group back to perform for the 2025 holidays, as well as the Play Readers, Antique Appraisers & Jazz Happy Hour for our 2026 season. Kudos to Bernice for getting us such great programs.
8. Judy thanked the group for allowing her to attend the Foundation Fundraiser along with Susan. It was a gala event and they had a good time.
9. Update on the shed: Tami, the library director is working on picking a site for a 8x14' shed. It's possible the county will pay for it.
10. Thank you to all the Board members who were able to attend the remaining programs. Your support is appreciated.
11. Bill Hager was nominated to be an Emeritus Member of the Friends of the Braden River Library. He would not be obligated to attend any meetings or to perform any duties. This is an honor we can bestow on him for his years of dedicated service to the Friends. Martha Crabb was also nominated for her many years of service to the Board.

12. New Business: Cathy will be retiring. Julia & Alexandra are the new part time employees. There were over 70 people at the Mother's Day tea that Chris put on. The summer programs are all lined up.

13. The book sale will be held on August 27-30th with members only on the 27th

Sharry moved that the meeting be adjourned, Gene seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Upcoming meeting dates: August 20th 6 p.m. November 19th 6 p.m.

Next meeting: August 20th 6 p.m

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharry Lueck
Secretary