

**FRIENDS OF THE BRADEN RIVER LIBRARY**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**February 18, 2026**  
**4715 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave. E, Bradenton, FL 34203**

1. Call to order: President, Louise Hauser, called the meeting to order at 5:00  
Those attending: Judy Mullen, Gene Rado, Linda Rado, Sue Capparella, Sharry Lueck, Mel Mandelkorn, Louise Hauser, Bernice Jones, Jerry Goldberg and Bev Folds and Guest Librarians- Susan Hustwit and Sylva Osbourne. Eirinn Camphire was unable to attend.
2. Friends of the Braden River Library Board of Directors 2026:  
Louise Hauser, President; Judy Mullen, Vice President; Gene Rado, Treasurer, Sharry Lueck, Secretary, Bernice Jones, Programs; Sue Capparella, Book Sales; Erinn Camphire, Director; Jerry Goldberg, Director; Mel Mandelkorn, Director; Linda Rado, Director; Bill Hager, Director Emeritus; Susan Hustwit, Library Liaison, Sylva Osbourne, Library Liaison
3. Welcome from the President:
4. Old Business: Thank you for voting to approve the new public-status Facebook group for Friends of the Braden River Library. Please visit, click like & share.
5. President's Report:
  - \* Meetings: Louise, Gene, Sue, Linda, Susan, Sylva and Library Director, Tammy Parrott attended a meeting and learned that the Manatee County Commissioners have decided to base the county's Outreach Service which includes the bookmobile at the Braden River Library in meeting room 102. (More information under New Business)
  - \* Louise expressed her gratitude to Sue and Linda for organizing the booksale & to the volunteers who helped. Thanks also to Judy & Gene for helping with her transition to President.
6. Financial Report: Gene had sent the financial report by email (see attached).  
Revenue of \$3,669 Expenses of \$344 Income of \$3,325 (which does not include \$1,945 from the booksale that was not included in the January deposit)  
Audit: we are in good shape.  
Jerry moved to accept the financial report, Sharry seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
7. Minutes: Sharry had sent the November 2025 and the January 2026 minutes to the board by email. Gene moved that the minutes be accepted, Mel seconded the motion which passed unanimously
8. New Business:
  - \* Adult programs: The Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Holiday Music program was a blockbuster success with about 80 attendees.  
The January 10<sup>th</sup> Odd Couple play was a mediocre performance with about 36 attendees.
  - \* Upcoming programs: Antiques Appraisal show, Saturday, February 21 from 1:00-3:00  
Jazz at Noon, Saturday, March 21 at 12:00  
Woman on the Florida Frontier, Friday, April 17 from 11:00-1:00.  
Bernice has made posters for the upcoming programs and thanked Gene for advertising on the Friends web site, Eirinn for advertising on the Neighborhood Connection Newsletter and Barb Bullock for advertising on Facebook.

The American Western Art Program that was listed on the agenda under Adult Programs was not part of the Friends programs that were approved by the Friends Board should have been listed under Library Staff participation since it is a Library program. We would have voted to pay Nick Hauser for the program, but he is giving the library a Good Neighbor discount at zero cost.

\* Children's programs – none at this time

\* Future unavailability of meeting room 102: With the room being taken over by Outreach Services, it is no longer available for meetings or our booksale. Because of this we are losing our booksale prep space in the office as well as it will be needed for children's room storage. The Friends have been given study room #114 to use instead.

Susan is estimating it will be 2 years before Outreach Services moves into their new location once it is built. The booksale will be held in the meeting room 205 in the expansion section. There are doors nearby that will be available to use for entrance & exits. We will need to make signs directing customers to the new location. The tables that are stored in room 102 will not be available so we will need to rent or borrow tables from other libraries for the booksale. Louise will be sending out county people's email addresses and talking points if we wish to express our opinions on this issue.

\* Board meeting time change: Linda moved that the Board meeting time be changed from 6:00 to 5:00, Sharry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Library Staff: Sylva will check for room conflicts with the meeting time change.

Sylva said that they will be requesting about \$3,000 for upcoming adult and children's library programs at our next meeting

With Chris Culp, the Children's Librarian retiring in May, Sylva will be the library liaison in her place and asked that she be added to the email list.

9. Upcoming 2026 meetings

- May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 – because of a time conflict
- August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00
- November 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00

10. Adjournment: Gene moved that the meeting be adjourned, Mel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Sharry Lueck  
Secretary