

**FRIENDS OF THE BRADEN RIVER LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
May 20, 2026
4715 53rd Ave. E, Bradenton, FL 34203**

1. **Call to order:** President, Louise Hauser, called the meeting to order at 6:00
Those attending: Judy Mullen, Gene Rado, Linda Rado, Eirinn Camphire, Sharry Lueck, Mel Mandelkorn, Louise Hauser, Bernice Jones, Jerry Goldberg, Bev Folds. Braden River Librarians Susan Hustwit and Sylva Osbourne and Manatee County outreach librarians Susan Rimensnyder, Meaghan Darling and Chelsea Ross-Monro. Sue Capparella 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. **Old Business:** None
4. **President's Report:**
5. **Financial Reports** – Gene Rado: Current balance \$58,433 (see attached)
Sharry moved to approve the financial report, Linda seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
Gene also mentioned that Bill Haeger is very ill.
6. **Approval of Minutes:** Sharry had emailed the minutes to the board. Gene moved that the minutes be approved, Judy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
7. **New Business:**
Adult programs sponsored by Friends:
*The 2 hour Antiques Appraisal program on February 21st had a full house and there was no cost for the Friends.
*Jazz Quartet on March 21st had about 30 people attending. Maybe look for something else next year
*Anne Tormela's Best of Broadway music had about 30 people attending. She did Broadway songs, a little opera and took requests from the audience.
*Bernice is stepping down from the programming position due to health concerns and a probable move out of the area. Chris Culp's name was suggested as a possible successor.

*Book Sale Dates: Wednesday 9/2-Members only from 3-7pm, Thursday 9/3 from 10-7pm, Friday 9/4 from 10-5:30 and Saturday 9/5 from 9-3pm.
Note change from August to September.

*Gene raised concerns about money security in the new space. He raised the question – should we hire an off-duty policeman for security purposes. Gene will check into the cost if we would do this. Two different options were brought up – using the kitchen with a table in front of the door or using one of the study rooms as they will be unavailable to the public. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

Adult programs sponsored by the Library:

*Children's programs: Susan thanked the Friends for sponsoring the Summer Learning Program which starts May 30th. This year's theme is Roadtrip USA.

*Mural project –Susan has run into red tape so tabled for now

*Jeni's Ice Cream fund-raiser. Louise had emailed the board information on this. It was tabled for now to give the board time to think about it and for volunteers to step forward to run the project.

8. Library Staff Participation – included in Library sponsored programs.
9. Upcoming 2026 meeting dates – new dates and time!

August 12th at 5pm and November 18th at 5pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharry Lueck
Secretary