

## MINUTES

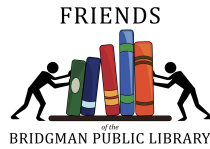
January 18, 2024

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Julie Bernstein, President  
Carol Nash, Vice President  
Judith Ray, Recording Secretary  
Carl Ceithaml, Treasurer  
Regina Ritrovato, Social Chair  
Sarah Skinner, Library Director  
Denise Malevitis, Library Staff  
Joan Hurray, Guest  
Debbie Rieth, Guest

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

1. Motion to approve minutes of last meeting made by Carol Nash; seconded by Regina Ritrovato. Minutes were approved.
2. Election of Officers
  - a. The office of President term expired. Julie Bernstein agreed to continue as President another two years.
  - b. The office of Recording Secretary term expired. Judith Ray agreed to continue as Recording Secretary.
  - c. The office of Corresponding Secretary was vacated due to Linda Curtis' relocation to another city. Judith agreed to fill this position until such time as a new volunteer comes forward.
  - d. Motion to approve Julie and Judith in the above positions was made by Regina Ritrovato and seconded by Carol Nash. The motion passed.
3. Officer's Reports
  - a. President had no new information to give.
  - b. Vice President acknowledged that Sue Nuti is doing a fabulous job in the Book Shoppe
  - c. Corresponding Secretary informed that there are currently 88 members of the Friends for a total of \$4,060.
    - Carl Ceithaml's figure is \$4,070, so Judith will research the discrepancy.
    - Judith advised Carl that \$25 of funds collected will be for next year.
  - d. Carl presented the 4th Quarter Financial Reports and a 10 year financial comparison.
    - Carl advised that there was no expense submitted for the Gift of Reading.
    - Sarah will rectify the oversight,
    - Julie advised that Library Board President Ed Valauskas sold used books that were donated to the library in the amount of \$130.71
4. Library Director's Report

Sarah reported on some old and new activities that the library sponsors. Attendance numbers have been good.



## 5. Old Business

The movie during the Bridgman Christmas Village brought in about 30 people. All enjoyed the popcorn and candy canes provided by the Friends.

## 6. New Business

- a. Library Board member Rick Fuller suggested to Julie that the Friends sell Gift Certificates that could be used for purchasing a membership, purchasing items in the Book Shoppe, or purchasing items at the Book Sales. Some discussion was held on the logistics of same, and it was decided that we would try it and see how it goes. The library staff will assist in creating the gift certificates.
- b. Julie proposed that we use the display board outside the entrance to the Book Shoppe to highlight Friends Board members.
- c. Julie also proposed that we have a secret early preview for the upcoming book sale for members only. No memberships will be sold that night. Judith will send out email to members.
- d. Regina is prepared to chair the April luncheon and has decided upon a theme,
- e. The Board made their selection of the Volunteer of the Year to be honored at the luncheon.

Next meeting is April 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.