

## MINUTES

July 18, 2024

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Julie Bernstein, President  
Carol Nash, Vice President  
Carl Ceithaml, Treasurer  
Denise Malevitis, Library Staff  
Debbie Rieth, Member

**ABSENT:** Regina Ritrovato, Social Chair  
Sarah Skinner, Library Director

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

1. Motion to approve minutes of last meeting made by Carol Nash; seconded by Carl Ceithaml. Minutes were approved.
2. In response to the resignation of Judith Ray, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Debbie Rieth was appointed Recording Secretary to fulfill the remainder of Judith's term.
3. Officers' Reports
  - a. President: Julie reported that 81 membership renewal letters were mailed, and 22 memberships remain outstanding. However 13 new memberships were added, bringing the current total membership to 72.
  - b. Vice President: Carol reported that the Book Shoppe appears to be running smoothly, with Sue Nuti doing a great job. If the shelves get too crowded, books that have been on those shelves for many months can be transferred to the closet for the next book sale.
  - c. Treasurer: Carl presented the Second Quarter 2024 financial reports.

3. Library Director's Report:

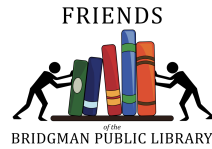
In Sarah's absence, Denise reported that the Pokagon band of the Potawatomi will present a program on the afternoon of November 9, and it will be held at the Beach House, to allow more room for the program, including dancers in full tribal dress, to perform. There is a 100 person capacity. The Friends will contribute \$650 towards the cost of this program.

The front library desk has a new employee, Scott, who has filled the most recent employee vacancy.

The library had a tent at the recent Bridgman 75th Anniversary celebration. The staff provided games for the kids, including cornhole, chalk and rock painting.

4. Old Business

The July used book sale was a great success during the Bridgman 75th Anniversary celebration, with sales of \$961 and donations of \$60. There were credit card sales of \$22. Julie hired two teenage boys to help



move books from the closet to the sale room, paying \$20 per person. A new option of free leftover books on the Monday afternoon following the sale, resulted in half of the remaining books taken. This made it a more manageable job to deal with half as many leftover books.

5. New Business:

The Friends received a request from Mandi Yeske, who is in charge of the Little Explorers program, which meets twice each month. Mandi submitted a wish list of program items, primarily art supplies. Upon motion by Carol Nash, supported by Denise Malevitis, and unanimously carried, a donation of \$300 was approved for the Little Explorers program.

Next meeting is October 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.