



## MINUTES

October 10, 2024

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

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, Corresponding Secretary, a motion was made by Julie, seconded by Regina and unanimously carried to appoint Faith Schoon to fulfill the remainder of Judith's term.

### 3. Officers' Reports

- a. President's Membership Report: Julie reported that there are currently 82 members.
- b. Vice President: Carol reported that she did some sorting in the Book Shoppe, and now there is room for more books. Regina will help Carol keep an eye on the shelves.
- c. Treasurer: Carl presented the Third Quarter 2024 financial reports. Karl Fricke occasionally sells some of our donated used books that have additional value through online buyers. Those sale dollars are included in the Store Sales line item. The 3rd quarter total year-to-date figure for Store Sales (\$1296) is similar to 2023's 3rd quarter total (\$1351).

### 4. Library Director's Report:

Sarah reported that the staff is ready for the Halloween Party tonight, 5-7 p.m. The Friends donated funds for candy for the party. The staff will also participate in Trunk or Treat at Bridgman Middle School on October 24.

The library received donations in memory of Maggie Mendes, and those funds will be used to purchase a spinner (book case) for the children's area.

The staff continues to welcome book donations from patrons, and they do emphasize that the books should be in good condition, with no mold. They do not accept textbooks, encyclopedias or outdated non-fiction (such as medical, travel, or computer books). Sarah said Katherine would like to work on a new logo for the Friends, which could be incorporated into a Logo Launch program with the sale of merch, such as book bags.



The Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi will present a program on the afternoon of November 9 at the Weko Beach House. The Friends will contribute \$650 toward the cost of this program.

The staff is working on a project to obtain all new signage throughout the library, so that information on the signs will be coordinated and make materials easier to find.

#### 5. Old Business:

The Gift of Reading program for all 1st graders in Bridgman Elementary took place last week at the library. Students received a tour of the library, were read a story and then each student received a copy of that book from the Friends.

#### 6. New Business:

Julie reported that the National Friends of the Library Week is October 21-26. There will be candy and bookmarks on hand near the Book Shoppe, and she has all of it ready to go.

#### 7. Special Announcement:

Sarah announced that Julie was nominated for the Michigan Library Association's Heart of a Champion Award, and was selected as the winner! Julie will attend the MLA conference in Traverse City October 16, where she will receive her award. Sarah and Denise will also be in attendance. Congratulations Julie!

Next meeting is January 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.