

Friends of the Bridgman Library Minutes

April 16, 2026

In Attendance

Julie Bernstein, President
Faith Schoon, Corresponding Secretary
Carl Ceithmal, Treasurer
Terri Hebert, Library Director

Absent

Debbie Rieth, Recording Secretary

Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Motion to approve minutes of the last meeting made by Faith Schoon, seconded by Carl Ceithmal. Minutes were approved.

Officers' Reports

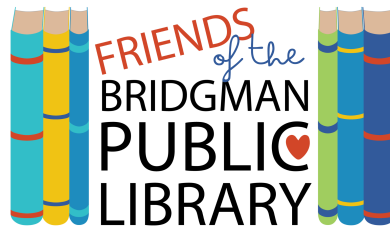
Treasurer

Carl presented the first quarter results. The book shop sales are up about \$50 from last year. The winter book sale revenue was up about \$275. Last year, we received a \$500 donation but still this year's first quarter revenue is slightly up from last year's first quarter.

Library Director's Report

Terri met with the person who is providing the new shelves for the children's area (paid for by the Friends). These shelves will match the current shelves. They will be delivered and installed by the shelving company.

The library did not receive the United for Libraries grant for the gargoyles. She will talk with staff to see if this is something they want to pursue, and if so, she will get back to the Friends about funding this. Terri is looking into a grant from the Berrien Community Foundation for the podcast recording equipment. The foundation has a grant for historical archiving and the recording equipment could be used for gathering memories for the library's 60th anniversary celebration.

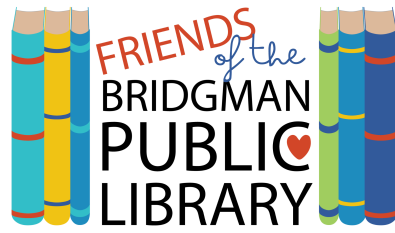


Old Business

- Julie pointed out the recent purchases for the library by the Friends: the new outdoor flags, the chair racks for the community room, the shelves for the children's area, and the funds for the art display in the library. Carl has not yet received the bill for the chair racks so Terri will ask Angie to provide that to him.

New Business

- Update on the planters: Debbie met with Cindy Hoy and 3 planters have been purchased for the front of the library. Cindy will plant them with seasonal flowers. She hopes to have them ready by the end of May.
- Julie provided an update on the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon which will be held on Thursday, April 23. Rick Fuller will receive the volunteer of the year award.
- Next week is National Library week. Faith and Julie will provide treat for the library staff each day. The Friends will also provide lunch from Panera's for the staff for their staff work day, Thursday, April 30. Terri will assist with getting the individual orders.
- The membership drive is coming up in June. Faith and Julie will work on updating last year's membership materials.
- The library will be holding a family day at Toth Park on August 1, 2026 as part of the 60th anniversary celebration. The Friends has been asked to provide funds for the prizes and find some volunteers to help run the games. Amy Abele will provide more information as we get closer to this event.
- Members are also being asked to share memories of their experiences at the library. Julie will contact members to encourage them to participate in this.
- Julie will look into dates for the summer book sale.
- The Lakeshore Preservation Committee will be holding an Earth Day event on Saturday, April 25 at the Weko Beach House. The library will be participating and Faith will be there and will include some information about the Friends and will have a Friends tote bag on display. People will be encouraged to look at the library web site to get more information about Friends activities.



Next meeting - July 16, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned

9:30 am

Minutes submitted by Julie Bernstein