



Minutes - July 16, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Julie Bernstein, President
- Carl Ceithmal, Treasurer
- Debbie Rieth, Recording Secretary
- Faith Schoon, Corresponding Secretary
- Angie Mantei, Library Staff

ABSENT:

- Terri Hebert, Library Director

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

Motion to approve minutes of the last meeting made by Debbie Rieth, seconded by Faith Schoon. Minutes were approved.

Officers' Reports

1. President's Report: Julie reported that the 60th Anniversary Celebration event on June 30 was a wonderful evening. It was interesting to note that the Friends organization spearheaded the fundraising to establish the library all those years ago! Library Board President Jim Kole's granddaughter had a lemonade stand and raised \$75 that she donated to the Friends.
2. Treasurer: Carl presented his financial report for the first six months of 2026. He noted that the bookstore sales are ahead of last year by about \$100, and that we've received \$800 in cash donations. The bank balance will decrease by about \$5,100 as soon as the new bookshelves are paid for. The Friends tote bags should now all be at a profit, since the initial investment costs have been covered. The financial reports will be kept on file.
3. Membership: Faith reported that the membership is currently at 77 members. Renewals are still coming in.

Library Director's Report

In Terri's absence, Angie reported that the summer has been very busy. The summer reading program is in full swing. The library is currently under-staffed, so a part-time clerk (Steve) has



been hired. As a follow-up to an email sent to the Friends by Terri, Angie listed some options if the Friends wanted to consider helping with more expenses of the library. One item under discussion was supporting library subscriptions to digital programs for patrons, such as MeL, Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy. Those programs are very popular with patrons but are very expensive. Julie will ask Terri to prepare a summary of the digital program costs so that the Friends can consider a donation.

Old Business

New book shelves have been installed (and filled!) in the children's section.

New Business

1. The dates for the next used book sale will be Friday September 11 and Saturday, September 12. Setup will be on Friday from 10-Noon, with the sale from 1:00 - 5:00, and Saturday from 10:00 - 3:00, with a \$5 bag sale. Katherine is designing a flyer.
2. A Family Carnival is scheduled for Saturday, August 1, in celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the library. The Friends are sponsoring the Bingo game, and volunteers are needed to help run this game.
3. There was a discussion of the possibility of online payments for Friends membership. Faith and Angie will pursue setting up a Friends Zeffy account that can be available on the Library web page.
4. The library is currently promoting their 60/60 Campaign, in an effort to raise \$60,000 for building improvements in connection with the 60th Anniversary of the library. Upon motion by Julie, supported by Debbie and unanimously carried, a donation of \$1,000 was approved for the 60/60 Campaign.

The next meeting is October 16, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.