

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Board meeting 4 p.m. August 10, 2026

Attending: Laura Pratt, Larry Hanson, Jeanne Balkman, Phyllis Porter, Natalie McAdams, Kaye Hewitt, Beth Clark, Jill Morgan, Pari Sandage, Martha Moore

Absent: Regina Barrera, Angela Rowe, Jan Rudniki

Minutes: In reference to our June 8, 2026 meeting minutes, Jeanne Balkman made a motion that we accept last month's minutes with one change (Beth Clark said Bobcat Promotions instead of Bobcat Productions), and Jill Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Pari Sandage previously emailed the financials for fiscal year end and presented the current financial report (a copy of which is attached). Pari has put piano restoration funds in a separate category and the downpayment of \$3500 is also reflected. FOL has spent apx. \$700 to purchase two copiers (that were previously renting) in the library. FOL made a profit of \$23,000 for the last fiscal year. There were no questions about the report.

Pari made the suggestion that the starting cash be separated from the book sale funds at the end of the sale so she can capture how much we actually made. We made over \$8400 in our summer sale. Pari also wants the cashiers to use the book sale category on the Square charge.

Marketing:

Jeanne Balkman and Jill Morgan presented the Board with the new bifold brochure. Printing costs estimate are \$669.70 for 500 copies of the brochure, 2 large banners to be used in outreach and during all book sales, and one pull up banner for the same purposes in order to promote our FOL group. After discussion, Kaye Hewitt made a motion to approve printing costs and Larry Hanson and Martha Moore seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

Jeanne and Jill will be talking with Bobcat about promoting the dedicated fundraiser for the piano refurbishment.

Tee Shirts – Pari explained that the artist who may be interested in a tee shirt design contest will likely need more information reference costs, profits that may happen, and other information. Pari and Laura reminded us that a \$500 gift to the library was donated toward a tee shirt that could promote the FOL. Pari will talk with an artist to see what a submission would look like. We may use Bobcat to help with a newspaper article and promotional perk. We will try to make a final decision next month and use the promotional tee for membership drive in December.

Little Library:

It is functional and is in the small pocket park by the State Farm downtown.

Committees:

Laura discussed responsibilities for next year. She would prefer that each board member take responsibility such as VP be in charge of membership. The finance committee would be under the Treasurer's responsibility (every 5 years we would have a financial audit). Secretary would be in charge of correspondence with members. Other jobs might include website and social media, the open studio-Maker Space shift work, outreach, volunteer management (the library currently has a program in place), book sales coordination, and marketing events. Laura would like for each of us to consider and choose three things we might be interested in and she will try to assign for next year.

Assess Procedures: We discussed how well our membership meeting and nominating committee went this summer.

Scheduling

Library Staff Appreciation Events: a thank you event Jeanne Balkman is in charge.

Scavenger Hunt Event: We will look at having this event this October 23 or October 24, 2026. We discussed several options.

Dates for Next Year:

February Book Sale: Feb 18-21, 2027

Gen. Meeting – June 10, 2027 at 7 p.m. (we might prefer an evening meeting for better attendance)

July Book Sale – July 15-18, 2027

October Book Sale – October 14-17, 2027

Volunteer Meeting – September 23 at noon

The next Board Meeting is September 14, 2026 at 4:00 pm. Jeanne Balkman made a motion to adjourn and Martha Moore seconded the motion. All approved, we are adjourned at 5:30 pm.