

## **Friends of the Belleville Library Annual Meeting April 28, 2025**

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Public Library was called to order by Barbara Thomas at 6:05 pm. Attendees: Laura Vogel, Yogi Brown, Barbara Thomas, Janice Hindson, Sue Janczak, Carol Eberhardy, Andrea Schmitz

Minutes from the 1/27/25 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Janice, seconded by Carol.

Carol went over her treasurer's report and answered questions. She filed the paperwork for taxes. CD rates have been higher if renewed for shorter periods of time. Janice made a motion, seconded by Barbara to approve the treasurer's report and allow Carol to renew CD at the highest rate, regardless of the amount of time. Passed 7-0.

### Books for Babies

We discussed the best way to more smoothly identify new babies and get the books out. Barbara spoke to Debbie at the Llama, but the mom's group no longer meets there on a regular basis. Carol has had to rely on Marie for updated names. Andrea advised that the library is the administrator of the link to this program and will work with Carol to change the contact name allowing her better access to the names.

### Book Sales

Laura gave an update about the removal of old books and organization of books for the upcoming sale. 10 boxes of books were sent to World Books; we may receive some payment depending on the amount sold. She also went through kid's books and took 3 boxes to the Book Deal in Madison. Volunteers are signed up to set up, sell, and take down the book sale. Sue raised a

concern about paying set amounts for books vs a donation. The pros and cons were discussed. We also discussed ideas to receiving donations instead of having people put them directly on the shelf.

### National Library Week

Andrea reported that the week went well and there was good attendance. Over 200 people entered the raffle; 70 attended the raptor program, and 27 the mushroom program. Carol was reimbursing costs of these two programs.

### Membership Letters

Carol advised that letters about annual membership dues were sent in February. There will also be letters and membership forms available at the upcoming book sale.

### Director's Report

Andrea reported on several topics:

- \* Updated plans for donor recognition by the end of 2025 school year and plans for a play space in fall 2025
- \* Organization of books for the sale and new banner for this
- \* Reviewed National Library Week
- \* Discussed membership drive ideas in 2026, including Pi Day sale (3/13), a "quiet" campaign, and considering donation only.
- \* Music in the park was discussed at length. All the music has been booked. We will be sharing the space with farmer's market. Concert staff includes Michelle, McKiernan and Taneil Boerner. Barbara has checked the supplies and will get any necessary and sent receipts to Carol for payment.
- \* Summer Library Program - Andrea requested reimbursement of expenses, \$375 for The Art of Vibrant Flavors: Cooking With Color was approved on a motion by Barbara, seconded by Yogi. \$475 for

Bounce House rental and snow cone vendor was approved on a motion by Janice, seconded by Barbara.

#### Election of Officers

The proposed slate of officers and members at large was discussed.

President: Barbara Thomas, Vice-President: Ashley Burrows,

Secretary: Nancy Dorl, Treasurer: Carol Eberhardy.

Members at large - Janice Hindson, Karen Armstrong, Pat Manion

Motion by Larua, seconded by Sue to accept the slate of officers and members at large. Passed unanimously.

#### Meeting Dates for 2025/26 Year

Sept. 29, 2025

Jan. 26, 2026

April 13, 2026 (annual meeting)

Sept. 28, 2026

#### Non-agenda Item

Sue asked if there were any upcoming budget concerns and Andrea explained more about our library funding, especially parts separate from the federal government.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Barbara, seconded by Carol.