

Friends of the Bellville Library Quarterly Meeting - Jan. 27, 2025
Library Community Room

1. **Attendees:** Pat Manion, Nancy Dorl, Laura Vogel, Barbra Thomas, Janice Hindson, Sue Janczak, Andrea Schmitz, Cheryl Jaeke, Carol Eberhardy

2. Vice-president, Barbra Thomas **called the meeting to order** and introductions were made around the table.

3. **Minutes** from the August 26, 2024 meeting were approved. Carol moved and Barbra seconded the motion.

4. **Treasurer's report** approved. Janice moved and Barbra seconded the motion.

Carol said that she renewed a CD at Lake Ridge Bank as advised by an email vote of the officers. It will be due 12/6/2025. 3.75% interest.

There is a question of whether we should pay for raffle permits for the year as we don't have any raffles planned. Barbra moved and Janice seconded a motion to drop the raffle permits at this time. Motion carried.

5. Books for Babies

Carol indicated that the number of books for babies for 2024 was about the same as 2023. More information needs to get out about this program. She has plenty of supplies for 2025.

6. Book Sales

The UFO Days book sale was held at the library community room instead of the old library park building. There was more room to put the books out and we had a steady stream of customers all day. Sales were over \$1,000.00 the same as 2023. We boxed up lots of books and a number of members took them to thrift stores around the area. Cleared out a lot of old things that had been around for a long time.

Nancy has indicated that she is unable to coordinate book sales due to her impending back surgery. Laura consented to look into taking her place.

The next book sale will be in the library community room the weekend of the Belleville Garage Sales in May.

7. Merry and Bright

Janice reported that the light display needs some work. She thinks that more could be added to it and it should be larger. Perhaps get a class at the high school to work on this.

There are electrical problems at the park and combined with the weather, sometimes the displays were unlit.

Carol will send a thank you to Dan Wallace for storing the display in the off season.

8. Membership Letters

We will use the same letters as last year along with the membership form. Nancy will update the letters and give to Zoe to print out. Several of us will get together to address and stuff the envelopes when they are ready in February.

9. Director Report - Andrea

Donor recognition plaques are in production at the high school. Mainly what is left are the 100 Woman donors that started the building drive.

An additional book shelf has been ordered for the hall sale books. The Friends will pay for this. More sorting and boxing up of unsaleable items needs to be done.

National Library Week is April 6-12, 2025. Two programs have been booked for the week:

Thursday, 4/10 Mushrooms in the Kitchen and Apothecary

Saturday, 4/12 Who's Woods Raptor Experience

A motion was made by Janice and seconded by Barbra to allocate up to \$1200 to pay for the programs and other expenses of library week. Approved.

Carol will order bookworm cookies from The Llama coffee shop to be given out after the Saturday program.

Andrea volunteered to pick up a sheet cake from Miller's in Verona for Wednesday patron appreciation day.

Andrea announced that the summer library program is Color Our World. Plans are also under way for Music in the Park. Barbra said she would organize supplies for the ice cream sales. It is suggested that we get a fold down wagon to transport the icecream, etc. over to the park.

10. Annual Meeting - Monday, April 21, 2025 at 6:00PM

Election of officers will be held.

Nominations are open.

14. Adjournment

Janice moved and Carol seconded the motion to adjourn. Approved.