

Friends of the Joliet Public Library
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, Feb 8, 2025
Ottawa Street Branch, 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet

1. Convene and Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Roll Call - Members Present: Laurence Dent, Ron Likovic, Val Devine, Katie Fontaine, Marilyn Boehner, Ethel Garrett, Joe Furlan
3. Agenda Additions: none
4. Treasurer's Report: See handouts *Friends Financial Information* and the *Profit-Sharing Statement* from Thriftbooks:

Balance as of 1/31/25 =	\$46,438.04
Deposits =	\$5,546.60
Expenses =	\$2,651.52
Ending Balance =	\$49,333.12

 - Motion to approve treasurer's report was made by Paul; second by Katie; motion approved.
5. Read and Approve Minutes from November 16, 2024
 - Motion to approve the minutes was made by Paul; second by Val; motion approved.
6. Library News: Val Devine, Liaison
 - SWD Jun 7, 2025; 11am-3pm
 - Move to Slammers Stadium
 - Need volunteer help
 - Funding request
 - Friends are the charitable recipient of fundraising events via the Slammers

There will be a game that evening that will be their SWD night so it will be a nice tie-in for a day full of Star Wars.

 - Summer car shows
 - Bring JPL Van
 - Sell Books

Since there are so many car shows, Val will check with Joe Masters (our internal car guy) to see which 5-6 he might suggest will be the better ones for us to attend.

 - October book sale change to October 24-26

Initially there was some confusion as to what the date change was to be. Once that was clarified, it was discussed and agreed that this change was ok.

 - BRB Renovation
 - Schematic design phase was the creation of a vague overview of the project in order to secure funding.
 - Funding approved; now entering the design phase.
 - Goal for The Friends is to achieve a consolidated, easier to manage, and more efficient space.
 - Megan will meet with the Executive staff in the near future.

- Exhibits
 - Exo leaves on March 4
 - Big Lego event May 17-18

The Lego event will be Library-wide and feature a Lego Master, the Northern Illinois Lego Train Club, Lego vendors, and hopefully a guy that has a Medieval Castle. Sunday from Noon-1 will be time for individuals with sensory issues and with registration only.

- Thrift
 - Is there a per pound standard fee, or does it fluctuate?
 - Is it better to send 1 bin or 2, or doesn't it matter?
 - Is there a pick up fee? If yes, is it per bin or per pick up?

It was suggested to also ask: if Bookfinder is the best way to determine value, should we send Spanish books, and how long do you keep the books you send?

7. Committee Reports:

- Membership: No updates
- Publicity: No Updates

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

Change sale dates to Oct. 24-26: This was addressed and voted on during Library News.

- Set donation limits: No one was sure what that was so it was tabled.
- Possible Fundraisers: Paul provided the group with a comprehensive list of possible Fundraising ideas. Restaurants with the percentages of sales donated, past restaurants we've worked with, what Plainfield Library has done, and other events. Val noted that there was a Facebook post that was looking for NFPs to work the stand during a game for fundraising. She also reported that she is participating in a Zoom forum that is focused on the best way to assist Friends-type organizations to raise money. More information to be supplied at the next meeting.
- Birthday Celebration: Ethel reported that The Friends were incorporated in 1968, therefore the 60th Anniversary will be 2028. Ron suggested that a committee be formed that can pick up where the 50th celebration fell through with new ideas/suggestions.
- Book Sale volunteer sheet: A sheet was available for folks to sign up. Val said she would check to see if any of the rooms (D, E, or F) would be available for Pre-pre set up on Thursday.

10. Fundraising Requests:

- Laura Yanchick from Youth Services requested \$5,500.00 for Summer Reading (\$2,700 Adult Prizes, \$2,300 Youth prizes, \$500 Group Challenge prizes)
 - Motion to approve this request was made by Katie; second by Val; motion approved.
- Val Devine requested \$5,000.00 for Star Wars Day sponsorship. Due to new expenses that are still being determined, a post event report will be submitted with how the funds were used.
 - Motion to approve the request was made by Katie; second by Ethel; motion approved. A small side conversation was had about how best to address feeding volunteers. The option of giving a food voucher was suggested. More updates to come.

11. Announcements

- Meetings in 2025 will be held on 4/5, 9/13, & 11/15. All are at 10:00 am at OSB.
- Semi-Annual Sales are May 2-4 & October 24- 26

12. Adjourn: 10:45 a.m.

- Laurence made a motion to adjourn and everyone approved.