

Friends of the Joliet Public Library
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 14, 2024
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: John Davis, Laurence Dent, Linda Aguilar, Ron Likovic, Val Devine, Paul Rak, Katie Fountaine, Michele Janicek, Colleen Robbins.
3. Agenda Additions: We need to nominate a slate of officers for the November election.
4. Treasurer's Report: See handouts *Friends 8 months 2024 Capsule* and the *Profit Sharing Statement* from Thriftbooks:
January through August, 2024
Income = \$10,024.09
Expenses = \$6,982.92
Ending Balance as of 8/31/24 = \$41,263.10
 - Motion to approve treasurer's report was made by Katie; second by Michele; motion approved.
 - There was a discussion about the cost effectiveness of sending books to Thrift due to the high costs for shipping. If we only send books that are worth more, then we will increase our profits.
 - Motion to send books to Thrift that scan for \$25 or higher made by Linda; second by Ron; motion approved.
5. Read and Approve Minutes from April 13, 2024
 - Corrections to the minutes: change date for beginning balance in Treasurer's Report to 2/29/2024; change spelling of Soren's last name to Haurberg.
 - Motion to approve the minutes was made by Laurence; second by Ron; motion approved.
6. Library News: Val Devine, Liaison
 - One more section of shelving will be installed in the Friends' room in the basement as soon as the elevator is fixed (to be able to move them from the attic to the basement).
 - Free parking at OSB is now available in the Ottawa St. deck. Tickets can be validated at the circulation desk or adult services. Although we may get our parking lot back after construction, Meghan is working on getting the free parking in the city deck extended to benefit the patrons.
 - Should we keep the 50 cent/green dot sale going at both locations as part of the ongoing sale? The group decided that we will.
 - Staff have been trained to drive and use the equipment in the new JPL mobile unit. It has been featured at Kidzfest already and will be used by Adult Services (like a bookmobile) and by Youth Services for special events and activities for kids in various neighborhoods. It was funded through a grant. There may be requests in the future for ongoing expenses or special events.
 - We need to look at the 2025 calendar for meeting and sale dates. We will approve them at the November meeting.
 - Thanks to Marilyn and Laurence for organizing the Friends rooms in the OSB basement.

7. Committee Reports:

- Membership:
 - We are growing! We have 88 active members, 1 business member, 60 overdue renewals (we expect that many of them will renew at the Oct. sale), and 151 people in our contacts. One person recently became a lifetime member.
 - When taking new applications (at the sale), please make sure the writing is legible so it can be correctly entered into the database.
 - We have a Kindle but need an Android-compatible tablet to use with the square for the Oct. sale (or borrow one from the library). Paul will work with Dave on this.
- Publicity: Mallory is taking time off for bereavement leave. Val already put in the request for publicity needed for the October sale so it will be ready when she is back.
- Bylaws Committee: Members include Laurence, Katie, and Ron. See handout of revised *Friends of the Joliet Public Library Bylaws*
 - The committee used feedback from the last meeting to make changes; Ron reviewed those changes article by article.
 - Motion to accept the revisions to the Bylaws as presented was made by Val; second by Colleen; motion approved.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

- Current Officers – all agreed to run again for their current positions but are open to stepping down if there are others willing to serve.
 - President – John
 - Vice President – Laurence
 - Treasurer – Ron
 - Secretary - Linda
- Val and Katie agreed to serve on the Nomination Committee. They will send an email to the members to inquire if anyone is interested in running for office.

10. Fundraising Requests: None

11. Announcements:

- Book Sale Dates: October 18 – 20 at Black Road Branch.
 - Friday: 5 – 7 pm (members only)
 - Saturday: 9 am – 3 pm
 - Sunday: 1 – 3 pm (bag sale)
- Upcoming meeting Date: November 16 at Black Road Branch 10:00 am

12. Adjourn: 11:30 a.m.

- Motion to adjourn made by Paul; second by Laurence; motion approved.