

Friends of the Joliet Public Library
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 16, 2024
Black Road Branch
3395 Black Road, Joliet

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

Balance as of 8/31/24 =	\$41,263.10
September Deposits =	\$388.53
September Expenses =	\$228.20
September 2024 Ending Balance =	\$41,423.43
October Deposits =	\$3,651.39
October Expenses =	\$277.10
Ending Balance as of 10/31/24 =	\$44,799.72

 - Motion to approve treasurer's report was made by Joe; second by Ethel; motion approved.
5. Read and Approve Minutes from September 14, 2024
 - Motion to approve the minutes was made by Val; second by Katie; motion approved.
6. Library News: Val Devine, Liaison
 - The City of Joliet construction update: plans are to minimize road closures before winter. Parking validation in the Ottawa St. deck continues.
 - The Exoplanet Exhibit – We are one of only 10 libraries in the U.S. to have this exhibit. Lots of activities are planned; we are working with the JJC planetarium, city partnerships, and others to promote and build on this unique opportunity. Volunteers are needed to help with the opening on Dec. 11th.
 - The JPL is participating in the Light Up the Holidays parade with the new van. The parade is from 5 to 8 pm. The route will be altered due to Chicago St. closures.
 - Val attended Star Wars Day in Bolingbrook. They do this every other year. One activity of interest is where kids can build their own light saber. We are checking into doing this at our SWD next year.
 - A new sip and paint event coordinated between the JPL and Bishop Hill Winery is coming soon.
 - Val thanked the Friends volunteers for organizing our rooms in the basement at OSB.
 - The library leadership plans to meet with the Friends regarding the Black Road remodel.
7. Committee Reports:
 - Membership:
 - After the sale we added some new memberships and many renewals. We currently have 94 active members and 163 contacts.
 - Paul is working on the wording of the renewal notices that are auto generated by Wild Apricot.

- Paul sent an email from John to everyone. We have the capacity to send emails to advertise events such as the Exoplanet exhibit, library news, etc. to keep in touch with our members.
- Publicity: Last year we did a BOGO sale to reduce our inventory. We will do this for the 50 cent books. Both libraries have a cart of green dot (50 cent) books. Val will ask Mallory to make signs to publicize this.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

- Book Sale Prices: Val proposed that we simplify our prices for the ongoing and larger sales. Suggestion is that we price all of the following at 50 cents each: paperbacks (regardless of size), children's, juvenile, and teen books, music CDs and audiobooks. Hardbacks and DVDs will remain \$1. If we want to discount smaller paperbacks and children's books, we can bundle them and mark with a price.
 Motion to adjust sale prices as suggested was made by Katie; second by Paul; motion approved.
- Meeting and Sale dates: All meetings and sales will be at OSB during the BRB remodel. Val will let us know if that changes.
- Square and iPad: the Library donated an extra iPad to us. We need to move from the old account (under Dave's info) to this new iPad. Paul is working on this.

10. Fundraising Requests:

- Laura Yanchick from Youth Services requested \$550.00 for a new Button Machine and supplies to be used at both branches for their many outreach events for teens. The old one no longer works effectively.
 Motion to approve this request was made by Linda; second by Val; motion approved.
- Laura Yanchick requested \$600.00 to purchase a new video game console (Playstation 5) and digital account access for the Teen Hub at OSB. This is an upgrade from the Playstation 4 currently in use.
 Motion to approve this request was made by Katie; second by Val; motion approved.

11. Election

- President – John Davis
 Vice President – Laurence Dent
 Treasurer – Ron Likovic
 Secretary – Linda Aguilar
 Motion to approve this slate of officers made by Val; second by Paul; Motion approved.
 Note – Katie is willing to work with Linda to learn the secretary's duties.

12. Announcements

- Meetings in 2025 will be held on 2/8, 4/5, 9/13, & 11/15. All are at 10:00 am at OSB.
- Semi-Annual Sales are May 2-4 & October 17- 19
- We may want to add a summer Pop-up sale as needed.

13. Adjourn: 11:06 a.m.

- Motion to adjourn made by Marilyn; second by Val; motion approved.