

MEETING MINUTES

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Date: October 15, 2025

Time: 2:00 pm

Meeting called to order by: Liz Winters

IN ATTENDANCE

Liz Winters, Ila Schnackel, Michele Smith-Link, Margaret Allen, Rebecca Rhoney, Vonda Westcott, Angelina DiMascio, Amy Monti, Anna Owen, Linda Belfield, Christa Lutz, Sally Chausse, Becky Burns

1. Chair Liz Winters called the meeting to order at 2:00

Approval of minutes

2. Secretary's Report- September meeting minutes reviewed and approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – Reviewed and approved. The discussion about becoming a 501c3 has been put on hold pending further consideration at a later date.
4. Angelina : Angelina presented a request for \$175 from the Friends to purchase Halloween books and prizes to be given away at the Trunk or Treat event at the elementary school. Voted on and approved. She reported that collection boxes have been set up in the library for donations of peanut butter, jelly, fluff, and Nutella which will be given to a food pantry in Lockport. She also continues to need volunteers to help with the undressing, shelving, and pulling books. This is an ongoing project, and she would be most grateful for volunteers who can help out for a couple of hours each week.
5. Anna : Anna reports that about 25 children were at the library to do the packet boat craft for the Erie Canal celebration day. There was a very good response, and everyone seemed to have a good time.
6. Christa: Christa has been gathering information about purchasing more reusable bags for the book sales. She has received information from the vendor from whom the bags were previously purchased. Apparently purple is no longer available as a color choice. Since the Friends logo has also changed she was seeking input from the group about color choices. After some discussion Michele offered to check with a few other vendors as well. They will have more information available at the next meeting.

7. Michele: Michele continues to sell some of the older books through the online app. She has sold two more boxes for a total of \$30.42. The purchase offers from the buyer seem to vary and currently they seem to be giving a better price for non-fiction books. Amy offered to investigate a different buyer/ app that she knows about who seems to have an interest in paperbacks. She will report back to the group at the next meeting to see if the prices are any better. She (Michele) has ordered the banners. One for the Friends group, and one for the library. \$98.92 was charged to the library's credit card and will be reimbursed by the Friends. Angelina will submit an invoice for reimbursement. She suggested that we also consider buying some book sale yard signs – 4 double sided signs for \$42 plus \$20 shipping for a total of \$62. Voted on and approved by the group.

8. Chair – Liz: The Halloween party is October 30th from 6 – 7:30. It was agreed that we will meet at 5:30 to set up. The supplies are all purchased and ready. We will be having games and crafts upstairs and Angelina will be having a scavenger hunt in the library. Liz will get water and chips for the snacks. She asked the group to consider resuming the basket raffles. Christa is willing to make holiday themed book baskets. Angelina said that the library staff would be able to handle the ticket sales. The group agreed on a ticket price of 5 for \$1.00. The mystery bags continue to be a big hit. She has made a total of 28 bags and they are selling quite well. Looking ahead to Christmas, Liz has contacted the gentleman who was Santa at last year's party. He is available on December 6th, which is St. Nicholas Day. The group agreed. The party will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

The next Friends of the Library meeting is on November 19th at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Rhoney