

Friends of the Brooks Memorial Library
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2025

Present: Diane Learey, Sharon Myers, Janice Stockman, Dayle Doiron, Karen Duggan, Karen Tyler, Connie Kimball, Connie Cline, Starr LaTronica, Amanda Whitman

Absent: Sue Dyer, Kevin O'Keefe

The meeting was called to order at 4:33.

Secretary's report for October was approved.

Treasurer's report: Dayle transferred money from the Fidelity account to checking account. We received our first annual appeal donations totalling about \$2000. We received a grant to support the Miniatures Project. Matt is working on purchases from the technology grant. He will buy two Apple computers, hot spots and service plans, and other items before the end of the grant period. Dayle bought postage at a significant discount. Treasurer's report for November was approved.

Presidents' report: Karen thanked everyone for bringing goodies to tonight's library event and commented on the great work being done on the Miniatures display.

Annual Appeal update: The letter is at the printer's and will go out in December. It will go out by email, and mail, and go up on the Friends website after the letters are in the mail.

Final book sale plans: There is one slot unclaimed on Friday, Nov. 28 in the afternoon from 2-4. Dayle will pick up cash Friday, Saturday, and Tuesday and then every few days after that. New Chapter volunteers will help put up the bookcases and books starting on Friday Nov. 21. Bring baskets by Tuesday, Nov. 25. Library volunteers will get two free books. Raffle and book sale proceeds will be combined. We will also be selling Brattleboro Historical Society books—those proceeds will also be combined and we will keep track of books sold and return proceeds and unsold books to the BHS.

December meeting decision: We are canceling the December meeting.

Library news and requests:

- Need new tables: card (2), medium 4 foot (2) and easy to carry (2), 6 foot (2). These are items the Friends use for programming and that's why it's legitimate for us to pay for. Permanent furniture is a legitimate library expense. *Diane moved, Connie C seconded, and the motion was approved to order tables from a local supplier, paid for by the Friends.*
- Singing and Dancing with Robin—\$700 *Approved for Friends to pay.*

- Snowman craft project—\$230 *Approved for Friends to purchase.*
- Snacks for the teen program—this was approved previously
- Starr gave Dayle receipts for the miniature supplies
- Repair for one of the E-bikes, approved for Friends to pay for
- Amanda reported that 12 museums will accept the digital passes that she designed and developed.
- The library will be presenting its budget on Dec. 2 at the Selectboard meeting—we are encouraged to come if you can.
- Library is co-sponsoring a mini masterpiece flash fiction contest, juried, awards announced on New Years Day.
- The board affirmed its continued support of snacks for staff; we have spent 502.10 out of the budgeted \$900.

Any other business

- Should the library have a trivia night for our spring event? Frederick Noyes?

Meeting was adjourned at 5:16.

Respectfully submitted by Janice Stockman, Secretary