

Friends of the Brooks Memorial Library Board Minutes
April 15, 2026

Present: Dayle Doiron, Karen Duggan, Diane Leary, Janice Stockman, Connie Snow, Connie Cline, Lizzy King, Sirkka Kaufman, Amanda Whiting, Bea Whittle, Sharon Myers

Absent: Sue Dyer, Kevin O'Keefe

The meeting was called to order at 4:30.

Guests this month include Lizzy King, Bea Wendel, and Connie Snow.

Diane moved to accept the **Secretary's Report** with a correction that Janice was a tour guide, and not part of the hiring process for the new director. Connie C seconded the motion and the report was accepted.

Dayle reviewed the **Treasurer's Report**, correcting the amount of checking interest to be .31. We are still getting annual appeal donations. She bought checks and filed an annual IRS report. She said this year's donations exceeded last year, and there were more large donations, including some Minimum Required Distributions. Janice moved to approve the March treasurer's report, Sharon seconded, and the report was accepted.

Dayle reviewed the **Annual Financial Report** for the year 2025-2026. She highlighted the increase in library services (Kanopy, magazine subscriptions, Constant Contact, Mango, and Bookpage) and memberships (museums and park passes). We expensed more than usual in technology reflecting a grant that we received this year. Board expenses were higher also because we paid for the printing and mailing of the annual appeal. We started the year with 84,504.88 and ended with 90,924.09.

Proposed budget for next year: Dayle reviewed the 2026 Proposed Budget. She is recommending we budget to spend \$13,800 in reserves which is about 1/3 more than last year, reflecting higher subscription and pass offerings. The technology line item is split into digital, hardware, and software.

Connie moved we accept this recommendation to bring to the annual meeting in May, and Diane seconded. This report was accepted for recommendation.

Presidents' report

- Karen has reached out to Julie Perrin, the new Library Director, and welcomed her.
- Kudos to Anna Monders and her presentation of her book, Tested.
- Thank you to everyone who helped out with the library tours.
- Remember that our next meeting, May 20, is the annual meeting.

Library reception to honor Starr

- April 25, 1:00 - 5:00 with music starting at 1:30
- Friends should bring cookies or finger food and be available for setup and clean up. Think 2-3 dozen items to eat.
- Remarks at 3:00

Raffle plans

- Framed prints will be raffled off at Gallery Walk.
- Drawing date will be July 12 at the Garden Party
- Ticket prices are \$10 each and 3 for \$25
- Starr will get us a place to sit at Gallery Walk

Garden party plans

- July 12 at Sharon's house, 2:00-5:00
- There will be New Chapter volunteers helping get the gardens ready
- We need tables and tablecloths at Sharon's house
- Friends will bring donations of food and drink

Library news/requests

- From Max: Requesting a license in the amount of \$462 for showing movies for teens (and other library patrons) which used to be covered by the Dept of Libraries, but no more.
- Summer reading challenge materials for elementary aged and middle/high school ages flyers and reading records estimated at \$1000
- From Amanda: Summer art workshops for adults presented by the River Gallery are going to cost \$180 more than what was approved last meeting.
- The chocolate brains from last month (for the Tested book launch) came in \$50 under budget
- From Starr: \$600 for films for National Library Week. Matilda and Lost in Paris. Each film will cost \$300 for licensing.
- \$240 for a slide in Latchis movie promos promoting library resources and services. (This will come out of Board Expenses).
- \$2,124 was approved with Diane making a motion and Sharon seconding.
- Amanda: 58 people completed the winter reading challenge!
- Seed library is being well-received
- Sirkka reported on Trustees. Margaret Atkinson is President, Bob Ferrante is VP, xxx is Treasurer, and Sirkka is Secretary

Other business

- Amanda reported that the new union contract for staff includes making the day after Thanksgiving a staff holiday which will likely preclude us from starting the book sale on Friday after Thanksgiving.

Meeting is adjourned at 5:54