

Minutes of the Friends of the Brooks Memorial Library Board Meeting
March 18, 2026

Present: Karen Duggan, Dayle Doiron, Connie Cline, Amanda Whiting, Starr LaTronica, Ann Varilly, Sharon Myers, Diane Leary, Janice Stockman, Lizzy King from New Chapter

Absent: Sue Dyer, Kevin O'Keefe

Call to order at 4:30

Welcome guests—we welcomed Lizzy King, the volunteer coordinator at New Chapter who has organized volunteers from New Chapter for our annual book sale. Lizzy is considering being on our board.

Secretary's report—Karen requested a change in the minutes to say Karen will be ending her term in May of next year (2027). Dayle says she would like to step down from her treasurer's position this year. Karen's term will end in May 2027. Diane made a motion to approve the minutes; Dayle seconded. Report was approved with amendments.

Janice reported that she spoke to Connie Snow who is interested in being on our board but would have to miss some meetings; she would be willing to do hybrid meetings. The group felt there would be no problem with that especially since we don't meet in July or December usually.

Treasurer's report—Dayle moved \$11,042 from the Fidelity account to our checking account. We received \$750 from the Vermont Humanities for Vermont Early Literacy Initiative grant. Dayle noted that we are close to \$100,000 in the bank, when she started on the board we had between 50,000 and 60,000. Janice moved to accept the report; Diane seconded; report was approved. Dayle asked whether our treasurer's reports get audited—they don't. Starr explained that the library gets audited under the town, and Friends are a separate 501(C3) and don't need to be audited. There is no legal requirement for us to be audited, even though we say "file for audit"; those reports are available should we ever be required to show them.

Presidents' report: Karen shared she got some nice compliments on the library's portion of the Town Report. Karen and Sue reminded us that we are hoping to recruit new board members. Connie would like someone else to buy snack this month—Diane volunteered. Gifts to staff will go out on Library Worker Appreciation Day of \$20 gift certificate to the Humble Mug. Kevin will purchase the certificates. Connie moved and Diane seconded; motion was approved.

Hiring update: Janice will be the Friends representative to the hiring process; she will be present on March 24 for the library director candidate tours. Karen asked the board if we have anything we'd like Jeanne to ask in the interview with the candidates. Let Karen know by the end of this week.

Spring event update: Still looking to nail down a film for Library Week. Matilda? Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade? Desk Set? We liked the idea of having one movie for children and one for adults. We also have prints from Melissa Sweet to raffle off. Connie made a motion to pay to get them framed at Zephyrs; Diane seconded; motion was approved. How to sell tickets? At bike races, at the library, at the Latchis, at Gallery Walk. We will sell tickets for \$10 each and 3 for \$25.

- Starr will get the prints framed
- Amanda will print tickets
- Table at Gallery Walk on May 1

Annual Meeting is May 20

- Put on Friends website
- Put in newsletter
- Put on Brooks website
- Draw raffle winners

Transition events

Library news and requests

- Teen program: Matt would like 400.00 for a series of 4 films at the Latchis
- Subscription for Mango needs to be renewed @ \$1120.53 (already approved)
- Staff dinner at The One Cat using the Ben and Jerry's grant for staff appreciation \$440 (approval not needed).
- March 28 reception for Chief Hardy who is retiring, here at the library from 2:00-4:00. Friends sponsor the refreshments in the amount of \$200.
- Anna's book launch on April 12, Friends will pay \$200 for book-related chocolates from Tavalier
- Felting workshop for kids—materials
- Miniatures materials and stipend for working outside of work hours (already paid for through miniatures grant)
- Starr's last day is Saturday April 25, 1:00-5:00. There will be music, and Friends are asked to bake/bring 2-3 dozen cookies each.. Andy Davis and Fred Breunig will be asked to play during the recognitions.
- Winter reading challenge is going well. Seed packets are on display already.
- 1200.00 in library requests was approved.
- Starr will research free books for Friends to give away

Other business

Adjourned at 5:50.

Respectfully submitted by Janice Stockman