

Friends of the Brooks Memorial Library Annual Meeting Minutes  
May 20, 2026

Present: Bob Oeser, Jenny Rowe, Sharon Myers, Janice Stockman, Karen Duggan, Amanda Whiting, Lizzy King, Diane Leary, Tim Mayo, Julie Perrin

Absent: Kevin O'Keefe, Sue Dyer

Call to order at 4:30

Welcome to our guests, Bob Oeser, Julie Rowe, and Tim Mayo.

Elect new member

Diane made a motion to elect Connie Snow to the board, and Janice seconded the motion. The motion was approved, welcome to Connie. Janice will share Connie's contact information with the board.

Elect officers

Karen reported that Sue Dyer doesn't want to continue to be the co-chair anymore. Dayle asked when Karen's term is up, and it is next year. Lizzy and Dayle will be co-treasurers, and Dayle will mentor Lizzy. Julie reported that there is a vacancy on the Trustees board. Dayle asked if a Friend member could also be a Trustee—Julie said in NH it is best practice to do so. Dayle said she was just inquiring and isn't interested in applying for that position. Diane moved that we elect Lizzy as co-treasurer with Dayle and Dayle filling the co-treasurer spot for one year. Sharon seconded the motion and the slate of officers was elected.

Secretary's report

Correction that raffle tickets were sold at Gallery Walk, not selected. Diane moved that the minutes should be accepted, Sharon seconded, minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report

Dayle reported that a bequest was received in the amount of 33,903.64. We are still receiving annual appeal donations. We received a check for \$3000 for the Words Project printing of maps. Dayle will move money out of the checking account into the Fidelity account which makes considerably more interest. Dayle reported that when she took over as treasurer our account balance was about \$45,000. Today it is \$122,723.32. Funds have been managed well, and our fundraisers have been doing better.

Budget for 2026-27

The board voted to accept the 2026-27 budget which was recommended at last month's meeting.

President's report: Karen thanked everyone for their help with Starr's final parties The Latchis movies during National Library Week were a success. Karen shared some accomplishments of the Friends for the past year:

May showcase of the library of things

Gave away books at the town safety event  
Free ice cream at September Gallery Walk  
Annual Appeal  
Book Sale and Raffle  
Words Trail Support  
Welcomed two new board members  
Gave tours to new library director candidates  
Melissa Sweet print raffle  
July 4 Parade  
Trunk or Treat

#### Words Trail update

The Friends agreed to co-steward the kiosk of the Words Trail with the Sunrise Rotary Club. Our agreement is to make sure the kiosk is clean and stocked for our period of responsibility from January to June. The opening of the kiosk is June 24 and we are all invited. We have questions:

- What is the extent of the winter chores? (Per Lissa W, we are not responsible for winter snow removal.)
- Who will we contact if there's a problem?
- Where will extra brochures be kept?

#### Raffle update

So far, we've sold 21 tickets. Amanda will make more posters for us to distribute; Janice will send out the postering list.

#### Garden Party plans

July 12, 2:00-5:00 at Sharon's. We need four tables and we can get them from the library on Saturday; we need the round yellow tables too. Need the following:

- Flowers
- Food—sweet or savory on plate
- Tablecloths
- Plates, cups, utensils, napkins
- Containers for ice tea and lemonade
- Gardening help the week prior from New Chapter volunteers
- Tickets sale for \$15
- Amanda will make a poster and put on social media
- Connie Cline do press releases?
- Wait to give out Sharon's address until the week of the event

#### Book sale conversation

The new union contract for the town includes a day off for staff on the day after Thanksgiving. Discussed having a special event for library patrons so that book sellers don't get there first. We shared with Julie the process of how the sale works from collecting books through getting rid of the unsold books. Discussed letting Friends come to the first hour of the sale before the public

can enter. No decisions were made on these areas of discussion. We will continue talking about this in the coming months.

#### Library news and requests

Julie thanked Amanda for keeping records of museum passes.

- American Precision Museum wants to start charging us for passes that used to be free. No one has checked out the pass this year. It is not a very popular pass. We will put this on hold and consider purchasing a pass in the future if patrons start requesting it.
- Amanda requests \$200 for summer craft supplies that complement the Adult Summer Reading Program
- Amanda requests up to \$351 for a microscope for the summer reading program.
- Both requests were approved.

New business: Starr is being awarded the VLA librarian of the year at the conference in Burlington on June 1. One staff member and a couple of Trustees are going.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48

Respectfully submitted by Janice Stockman