

**Brownsburg Public Library February 14, 2022**  
**Friends of the Library Board Meeting**

**Annual Member Meeting & Board of Director's Meeting**

Rhonda Nelson, President, called the annual meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Elaine Fair, Lara Boulton, Linda Peterson-Roe, Mary Baechle, and Rhonda Nelson

Absent:

Staff: Denise Robinson and Amie Scott

Other: No members present for annual meeting

**ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING**

**2021 REVIEW OF PROGRAMS**

This time last year we were still in the midst of COVID-19. We had a lot of "take and make" activities, interspersed with our regular programming. Our Winter Reading program and Summer Reading program were offered with some adaptations. We offered a handful of our large-scale events on our lawn in an effort to keep people spread out. We had 984 active readers and 57% completed the program. We had a popular event over the summer, the Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Kids dropped off their stuffed animals for overnight adventures. We're still doing some virtual events including a Virtual Cooking Club.

**2021 FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Denise reviewed our 2021 expenditures and revenues. We actually projected a loss of over \$7,000, but came out on top with a positive balance of \$173.89. We're pondering fundraiser ideas for this year in lieu of the brick fundraiser. Raffles were mentioned as an option. Quilts, beanie babies (start the trend again), or a hot Christmas toy were mentioned as ideas.

All in all it was a good year.

**OTHER ITEMS**

We're still receiving compliments from our building renovation and many folks have not been in since we reopened. In terms of COVID and our operations, masks are optional throughout the building, but are required in our youth programming.

The annual meeting concluded at 7:44 p.m.

**BOARD MEETING**

Rhonda Nelson, President, called the regular meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Elaine Fair, Lara Boulton, Linda Peterson-Roe, Mary Baechle, and Rhonda Nelson

Absent:

Staff: Denise Robinson and Amie Scott

Other: No members present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Lara Boulton moved approval of the November Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Linda Peterson-Roe and carried unanimously.

**BOARD APPROVAL OF NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Linda Peterson-Roe moved approval of Elainna Fair to replace Cari Palma on our board. Lara Boulton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The board reviewed correspondence and no action was necessary.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Denise reviewed the financials for November, December, and January with the board.

**2022 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

We mailed 819 letters, and of that, we wound up sending solicitations to 711 new members. We have 101 members and 33 of them are brand new. Our average gift was \$42.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The 2021 Holiday Shop sales were reviewed and discussion ensued about what we'd like to continue or change for the future. We would like to continue with local vendors for the 2022 Holiday Shop, but will work to clarify with our vendors their price points. In addition, we discussed rebranding the shop with a focus more on a used bookstore slant.

Denise shared our Winter Reading solicitation letter with the board. We budgeted for the Friends to donate \$500 to the program. Mary Baechle made a motion to donate \$500 to the Winter Reading program and Linda Peterson-Roe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

We have heard from a local attorney, Gene Hostetter, and he is willing to help us with our 501(C)3 status and Denise will work with him on this process.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

May 9, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Baechle

Secretary