

Friends of the Osceola Public Library Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, July 26, 2025

Called to order 10:32 a.m. Present: Miriam, Barb, Cheryl, Janet, Sherry, Quinn

Approval of agenda: Agenda approved with addition of discussion re: Saturday meeting time (Barb). Sherry motioned to approve/ Quinn seconded. Passed unanimously.

Approval of June minutes: Approved and seconded, Sherry and Barb. Passed unanimously.

Director's report and Library Board meeting report: Given by Miriam/ Anne absent. Miriam also was Friends representative at meeting. Anne attended MORE Executive Budget Hearing in June in anticipation of a vote in July on the MORE budget. Costs likely to go up.

New items added to library shelves in June including knitting needles to Library of Things. Also in this collection are rubber stamps and CD players. Any can be checked out by patron. Anne is looking into acquiring Hot Spots from T-Mobile that can be checked out by patrons. Summer reading program begun in June with Osceola 4th grade having a tour of the library.

A generous donation was made to library by Sandy Pfahler. Board approved accepting and depositing donation in RCU account.

The Board was encouraged to reach out to County Supervisors regarding: significant impact the reduction Act 150 funds from 95% to 70% would have on the library and encourage them to maintain the 95%.

Miriam reported Friends provided 4 boxes of used books to be offered for sale at Polk County Fair by Kaitlyn Carlson of PaperPie which will earn free books for Polk County libraries.

Library Board meeting attendees: 5:30 p.m. August 14: Quinn September 11: Barb

Treasurer's report: Kathie unable to attend meeting but written report was provided, approved and seconded by Sherry and Cheryl. Unanimously passed.

August 2 Book sale All Slots filled. First shift: Maureen, lead. Elaine and John

Second shift: Kathie, lead. Sherry and Janet

August 1 set-up: Janet, John, Sherry, Quinn

Discussion about 2026 Books and Biscotti: considering Abby Jimenez, Cassie Classon, or Jason Walz. Tabled

Whether to have a committee to secure author and hire. Tabled

Strategic Planning committee progress: 160 surveys returned. Some examples of complaints: library hours-not open late enough, not open on Sunday, too many "Woke" books, building deficiencies having nothing to do with library.

Kaitlyn from IFLS will help frame plan. Barb talked about possibility of writing an article for Sun addressing some of the comments that came in returned surveys.

Procedure notebook progress: Cheryl putting together hard copy, Janet working on digital.

Re: Concerns about Act 150 vote at County Board meeting ahead, Cheryl will send an email to membership encouraging all to contact their reps to keep the 95%.

Discussion: Friends and library working together on a SC Johnson Grant for reusable tote bags (2000!). Some could be used by library, some at book sales. Hope to get rid of plastic bags.

Discussion: Can Friends purchase supplies needed in Friends room and/or at book sales? Quinn and Kathie may make purchases with meeting members' approval.

Friends of Western Wisconsin FB group: Quinn reports, nothing new!

New Business: Change day/time for Friends meeting? NO

Sherry moved that meeting be adjourned. 11:24 a.m. Submitted by Marian Quinn