

**Friends of the Osceola Library Minutes**  
**Saturday January 24, 2026**

For the record: Via email, attendees of November, 2025, moved and approved unanimously to not hold a December Friends meeting because the Library building would not be open on the 4th Saturday of December.

Today's meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Miriam.

Present at this meeting: Miriam, Colleen, Kathie, Barb, Sherry, Quinn, Janet, and Cheryl

**Approval of the agenda:** added discussion about GiveBig and officer selection With those amendments, agenda approved and seconded by Janet/Sherry. Unanimously approved.

**Approval of November 2025 minutes:** Sherry voted to approve and Kathie seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Kathie shared a thank you card sent to Friends from MN patrons for whom we paid their library membership cards. A generous Christmas donation was made to the Friends by Nancy S. for which Quinn will send a thank you card. Sherry submitted a bill for a new Friends banner for the Friends' room. To reimburse her in full was voted to be approved and seconded by Cheryl and Janet. Cheryl recommended that we give library \$1000 towards the Overdrive Advantage program that assists in maintaining digital content (ebooks, audio books) that are in highest demand. The final Treasurer's report and motions were unanimously approved.

**Director's report:** Anne was not present. Miriam read her report. Anne completed last class (Public and Community Services) towards director certification. New items were added to collections in December, including popular VOX books for kids which were purchased from Polk Burnett's Operation Round-up grant. Usual events have been held and Adult Winter Reading Program has begun. Anne also delivered materials to patrons at Evergreen and Millside apartments and Christian Community Home.

Cheryl moved that Friends give **\$1300** to the library for the Adult Winter Reading Program. Sherry seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Will Friends continue to pay MN patron library fees?** Yes, and \$500 for the first quarter was moved, seconded and approved. Sherry/Janet, Unanimous.

**Can Anne give Jigsaw puzzle contestants \$2 vouchers for Friends book sale?** Yes, One/participant, one used per sale, expiration date 12/31/2026. Moved, seconded, and approved. Quinn/ Sherry, Unanimous

**Library Board meeting.** Barb attended December, January:no-one attended. Barb noted there was discussion at Dec. board meeting re:pest control. A bedbug was found in a book set aside for a hold. The bug was disposed of and book quarantined until it was determined by Anne and Pest Solutions that library was free of further pests. Board voted to allow Anne to order a reasonably-priced ZappBug Heater Bedbug Killer for the library to have on hand. Cheryl will attend the February 12 Library Board meeting.

**February book sale: Set Up Friday Feb 6- Janet, John, and others**

**Sale: 9:30-12:30 Cheryl, Maureen, Elaine**

**12:30-3:30 Kathie, Janet, Sherry**

**Books & Biscotti author for this year:**

Quinn will continue to reading Abby Jimenez and try to contact her agent about presenting at a small local venue. FYI Abby will be launching "The Night We Met" March 24, location TBA, and she will be in North Liberty IA in May.

Cheryl is reading Allen Eskens-good mysteries. Barb checking on Glenn Miller, Miriam liked Jason Walz' graphic novel. Carrie Classon has first novel just out. More discussion to follow. Cheryl motioned, Barb seconded that Sherry can spend \$151 for signs to use for Books and Biscotti when the event is held. Approved unanimously.

**Update on reusable bags:** waiting on Dee's daughter

**FB group for NW Friends:** Quinn reports nothing new.

**QR code for library website where memberships can be paid via Venmo:** Kathie and Janet will work on this.

**Archives:** Quinn and Kathie have sorted saved materials from many years back. Janet is investigating how year end financial reports, minutes, news articles can be digitized.

**Membership:** Janet and Kathie will work on creating easier access to spreadsheet, membership list.

**Biscotti tongs options-**discussion tabled.

**New business: GiveBig:** Cheryl reports that she has sent FNC Bank in New Richmond our proposal for them to provide \$2000 matching gift for Friends GiveBig drive.

**Officer Slate:** Sherry motioned that it remain the same! Barb seconded. Unanimously approved.

Miriam Flysjo, President, Cheryl Beardslee, Vice President, Kathie Nelson, Treasurer, Janet Ha, Membership, Marian Quinn, Secretary

**11:49 a.m.** Sherry moved that meeting be adjourned.