

Friends of the Osceola Library
Meeting Minutes Saturday May 23, 2026

Present: Miriam, Kathie, Sherry, Janet, Colleen, Quinn, Anne and Michele from the library.
10:30 a.m. Miriam called the meeting to order.

Approval of the agenda: Janet moved that agenda be approved, Sherry seconded, and agenda unanimously approved.

Director's report: Anne and Michele visited downtown businesses in April asking for donations to the Summer Learning program. The response was very generous. There were a large number(64) of new patrons in April because pre-K kids applied for library cards. 182 new items were added to the library collections, and many sections of books have been weeded to make room for new as well as keeping collections looking fresh. There was a plant and seed swap held at the library in addition to the usual slate of events. The swap went well and all plants and seeds found new homes.

Summer Learning program: Michele, the Youth Services Librarian, presented the schedule of events for the summer program-very fun and exciting. Adults might want to attend some events, too. We voted unanimously (Sherry moved, Kathie seconded) to give \$1000 to the library to supplement already accumulated donations for the program. Friends will also sponsor coupons for kids' gift bags that can be used at Friends' book sales during the 8 week period.

Approval of April minutes: Sherry moved to approve and Janet seconded. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Sherry moved to approve, Quinn seconded. Unanimously approved.

Library Board meeting attendees. Cheryl reported from the May meeting that a highlight was that there will be a new cleaning company for the library.

June 11: Sherry July 9: Quinn

SignUp for June 6 book sale:

First shift 9:30-12:30: Miriam, Elaine, and John

Second shift 12:30-3:30: Kathie, Sherry, Janet

Set Up Friday, June 5: Janet, Colleen, Sherry, John, Miriam

Give BIG Cheryl: Cheryl sent a report for the meeting. The Friends goal was made-\$2000 plus a bit more. That is plus the matching \$2000 from FNC Bank. The mailing list has remained pretty much the same. One idea for next year is for each current Friend to invite a new person to donate to the Friends. More ideas welcome. Receipt letters are sent and money is in the bank.

Update on reusable bags: Janet presented information on various products available focusing on ECOBAG Co. She will get a quote for 250 5 inch bottom bags with the Friends logo on them. Kathie suggested we do some customer counts on upcoming sales.

Facebook Western WI: no activity/ Quinn

SignUp for Friends booth at Osceola Farmer's Market June 26:

1:45- 4:00 Cheryl, Miriam

4:00-6:15 Janet, Kathie

Have 3-4 boxes filled with mixed genre to set up on table.

New business: Anne in the library has detailed information about the Polk County Kinship Amazing Race Event and needs 4-5 volunteers to help with the library-sponsored challenge on June 16, 6-8 p.m.

11:35 Sherry moved that meeting be adjourned.