

## MINUTES

### FRIENDS OF THE BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

January 21, 2021

Meeting called to order 9:00 a.m. (Zoom video conference)

Members in Attendance: Julie Bernstein, President

Carl Ceithaml, Treasurer

Judi Huff, Public Relations

Judith Ray, Corresponding Secretary

Regina Ritrovato, Recording Secretary

The minutes of the October 15, 2020 meeting were approved (motion to approve by Judith Ray, seconded by Carl Ceithaml)

#### Officers' Reports

Treasurer (Carl) – Carl reviewed the quarterly financial report and the 10 year comparisons. Revenue is down because of the pandemic (no book sale, no garage sale, limited Book Shoppe sales). Membership revenue is the highest it has been in 10 years. We have not yet received invoices from Dennis for agreed upon expenses – the Michigan collection shelf unit, support for the summer reading program, and the Gift of Reading books for first graders. When these invoices are received, the payments will be listed on the 2020 budget since this is when they were approved.

(Julie will follow up with Dennis about getting the invoices to Carl.)

Carl also suggested that we ask that the Friends participation in the Amazon Smile program be publicized again. Julie will contact Deb at the library to put out a reminder on social media.

Recording Secretary – Regina started using a recorder.

Corresponding Secretary (Judith Ray) – Our membership drive was a great success as far as revenue. We have fewer members but we collected more money. Judith sent out an email (from Julie) of the Friends accomplishments this year to 62 members who she had email addresses for. She mailed 15 hard copies to people who had not provided emails – one responded to share email information. We currently have 77 members.

Judith also sold a book through the internet and we will receive \$17.56.

President (Julie) – The library staff received a basket of snacks as a holiday treat from the Friends. Julie attended a webinar put on by Baker and Taylor (a book company that the library uses for book purchases). They have a program to resell books, giving back 10% of the sale price. Julie will proceed with setting up an account with them to try and sell some of our inventory.

Election – Three offices are up for election – vice president, treasurer, and corresponding secretary. Carol Nash, Carl Ceithaml, and Judith Ray have all agreed to stay on for another 2-year term. We voted to accept the slate of candidates and thanked them for their continued commitment to the Friends.

Volunteer of the Year – we voted to award Wendy Foster as the Volunteer of the Year for 2020. Julie will contact her. Hopefully we will be able to have a volunteer and staff recognition event this spring.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 15 (time and place to be determined)