

MINUTES  
April 20, 2023

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Julie Bernstein, President  
Carol Nash, Vice President  
Judith Ray, Recording Secretary  
Linda Curtis, Corresponding Secretary  
Regina Ritrovato, Social Chair  
Sarah Skinner, Library Director  
Denise Malevitis, Library Staff

**ABSENT:** Carl Ceithaml, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 8:57 a.m.

I. Minutes January 23, 2023: Motion to approve by Carol Nash; Regina Ritrovato seconded. Minutes were approved.

II. Officers' Reports

President:

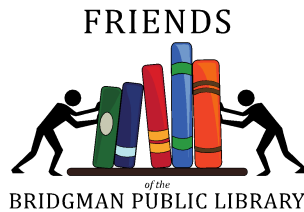
- Donation labels were placed on the furniture that the Friends purchased for the library.
- Julie made a visit to the St. Joseph Friends meeting.

Vice President:

- The Book Shoppe needs more helpers.
- Suggestion was made that Sue Nuti be informed she is free to recruit more volunteers.

Treasurer:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financials submitted.
- Balance as of March 31, 2023: \$22,518.25.



### III. Library Director's Report

- Distributed 75 notebooks with new logo
- Library took over PBS Instagram
- Passport to Library created for teens/adults and children
  - Will take place week of April 24
  - Purpose to discover library and how to use it
  - Once a person receives 10 stickers, he/she will get a prize
- Sarah and Library Board President Liz Bogue will attend MLA Advocacy Day in Lansing on April 25.
- Library visits increased from 2500 in February to 3200 in March.
- Sarah reported on book banning proposals that are happening at other Michigan libraries.

### IV. Old Business

- Planning for the Volunteer Luncheon on April 26 is in good order.
- Plans are underway for the staff luncheon on April 27.

### V. New Business

- Julie and Judith will decorate the library display window in May to promote the June Membership Drive.
- A request was received for the Friends to furnish a popcorn machine to be used during certain activities.
- Discussion was held concerning increasing the Library of Things.
- Dates of July 27, 28 and 29 were proposed for the Summer Book Sale.

The next Friends of the Bridgman Library board meeting will take place on July 20, 2023. Time to be determined.

Meeting adjourned: 9:49 a.m.