

## MINUTES

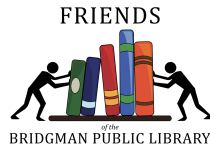
October 19, 2023

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

**ABSENT:** Sarah Skinner, Library Director

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

1. Motion to approve minutes made by Carol Nash; seconded by Linda Curtis. Minutes were approved.
2. Officers' Reports
  - a. President
    - Reported on National Friends of the Library Week
    - Reported that the Gift of Reading volunteers did a great job
    - The Friends purchased the books for the first grade students from Bridgman Elementary School.
  - b. Vice President
    - Reported no issues with Book Shoppe
    - Sue Nuti doing a great job
  - c. Membership
    - No new members since previous meeting
    - Denise will keep check on new memberships since responses have slowed down
  - d. Treasurer
    - Presented 3rd Quarter Financials
    - United Federal Credit Union would not let him close the Amazon Smile account without authorization from the Board shown in the minutes.
    - The Board authorized Carl Ceithaml, Treasurer of the Friends of the Bridgman Public Library, to close the Amazon Smile account.
    - The Board further authorized Carl Ceithaml, Treasurer, to open a Certificate of Deposit at United Federal Credit Union and to transfer funds to it from the Friends other accounts.
    - The Treasurer is authorized to renew or close the CD account in the future as deemed appropriate.
  - f. Library Director's Report
    - In Sarah's absence, Denise Malevitis reported on library activities.
    - The Halloween party was very successful and well-attended.
    - The Pokemon group is very popular



### 3. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

### 4. New Business

- a. Katharine Lion's proposal for Maker's Space items was reviewed.
  - Linda moved to approve the funds for all the asterisked items for a total of \$1,345. Carol seconded the motion. The motion passed.
  - The Wish List will be reconsidered after the first of the year.
- b. The City of Bridgman Christmas Village will take place on December 9.
  - The library will be showing a movie.
  - The Friends will supply the popcorn for the movie.
  - The Friends will supply tags and the popcorn bags.
  - Linda and Reggie will supply candy canes for the event.

Next meeting is January 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.