



Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library
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June 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Julie Ann Price – President	Linda Kospa
Shay Harrison - Vice President	Lynne Shultis
Liz Reyner – Treasurer	Dinah Farrington
Diana Vance - Secretary	Kenneth Newman II
Betty Bellino - Advocacy & Awareness Co-Chair	Mary Kolb
Diana Valenchis - Adv. & Awareness Co-Chair	David Gonsalves
Jenn Romer - Fundraising Co-Chair	Linda Murphy
Ei Aung - Membership Co-Chair	Sarah Holston
MaryAnn Baird - Membership Co-Chair	Frank Coppa
	Barbara Mootrey

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

Jill Dugas Hughes – Library Director
Susan Bell – Library Liaison

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

MINUTES: Minutes from the April 15, 2025 meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: Ms. Romer made a motion to accept the minutes.
2nd motion was made by Ms. Kospa. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

- Ms. Reyner presented her report.
- The book sale was the highest since the pandemic. Likely due to the construction signs and neighborhood outreach.
- The tax return has been filed and taxes paid.

MOTION: Ms. Murphy made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for the period April 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025 with an ending balance of \$57,510.71.
2nd motion was made by Mr. Gonsalves. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

LIBRARY REPORT:

- Ms. Dugas Hughes was unable to attend. Ms. Price provided updates.
- The library will be hiring an assistant director, part-time custodian, and a new opening in youth and family services will be posted soon.
- June 30th will be the summer reading kick off – this is a full day event with outdoor activities
- Three Grant Requests
- Grant 1 – Teen Programming & Supplies for \$2,700

MOTION: Ms. Reyner. made a motion to approve Grant 1.
2nd motion was made by Ms. Bellino. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

- Grant 2 - Youth Programming & Supplies for \$3,000

MOTION: Ms. Baird made a motion to approve Grant 2.
2nd motion was made by Ms. Farrington. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

- Grant 3 - Children's Room Fish Tank Maintenance & Supplies - \$2,500

MOTION: Mr. Gonsalves. made a motion to approve Grant 3.
2nd motion was made by Ms. Kospa. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S & VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Membership Co-Chair Vacancy

- Ms. Price thanked Ei for her service and wished her well in college.
- Ms. Price introduced Sarah Holston who would like to fill the Membership Co-Chair vacancy.
- The positions up for re-election in 2025 are President, Treasurer and one co-chair position each for Membership, Advocacy & Awareness, and Fundraising.
- Our election cycle will kick off at the September meeting.
 - **MOTION:** Ms. Price made a motion to appoint Sarah Holston to fill the remainder of Ei Aung's term ending on December 31, 2025. 2nd motion was made by Ms. Reyner. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.
- Ms. Price discussed purchasing a paper embosser to tag books that were purchased as a result of Friends grants.

- **MOTION:** Ms. Baird made a motion to approve the purchase of a page embosser up to \$40. Ms, Kolb seconded motion. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- Ms. Baird reported that \$14,535 was received through the 2025 Membership Campaign. Last year we received \$12,272. Our membership total is currently 235 with an average donation of \$61.85. Last year, membership was 225, with an average donation of \$54.54

FUNDRAISING/BOOK SALES:

Ongoing Book Sale

- Sales started off the year down slightly but are starting to pick up due to the expanded shelving and new location

Spring Flower Sales

- Ms. Price reported we raised approximately \$585 with the Easter/Mother's Day paper flower sales which surpassed goal of \$500

Raffle Basket Summary

- May basket sales were slow - Magnolia and Girl Pirate
- Overall basket sales are down from this time last year by about 150 tickets
- Currently running Colleen Hoover and Dog Rescue
- Next month will be Outlander Series and Classic Games & Books for Kids
- Harry Potter and Stephen King slated for future months and these are our best sellers
- So far have made over \$900 for baskets and Star Wars was our best selling basket

Hoffman Car Wash

- Ms. Romer discussed the ongoing Hoffman Car Wash fundraiser - 50% of proceeds go to the organization.
- June 1 through June 30.
- Has not gained momentum

Swag Shop Fundraiser

- Ms. Romer reported that the Shop ended on May 31st and made \$140 and sold 28 shirts.
- Tumblers and window clings are still available for sale within the Library

Night at the Library Fundraiser

- Ms. Price reported that we have commitments for \$5,000 in sponsorships so far. We expect a few more to come in. The naming rights sponsorship level is still available.
- An article will appear in Our Towne written by Betty Bellino in the coming months
- We are actively seeking artist donations. We only have a few pieces at this point.
- We are also looking for gift card and in-kind donations from local businesses.
 - Discussions regarding price of tickets, target audience
 - Determination that tickets will be \$40

- Catering estimates received at \$20 - \$22 a person, free dessert, supplies for coffee, tea, etc.

MOTION: Ms. Reyner made a motion to approve the \$7,000 budget as presented. Ms. Holston seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Board Meeting - September 16th
- Fall Book Sale - October 10-12
- Night at the Library - October 18th 6:00

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Ms. Romer made a motion to adjourn at 6:57 PM. 2nd motion was made by Ms. Aung. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Vance

