

FRIENDSHIP FREE LIBRARY
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2026

Attendance: Dee Wolf, Kay Middaugh, Michelle Baker, Sarah Trumpp (Director)

The meeting was called to order at 6:53 pm.

Guests: Casey Jones, Reverend Bill Beck, Ed Yagger, and Diane Langdon

Minutes: Motion to approve September minutes made by Dee. Second by Michelle. Approved by the board with a unanimous vote. **No meeting in November due to a lack of quorum. **

Budget Report: The Baldwin Report was not reviewed by the board.

Financial Report: Per Dee Checking \$4,253.09, Savings \$107,601.39, and Debit Card \$770.68.

Library Report: The total number of visitors in December was 578, and in January was 505. Total circulation in December was 405, and in January, 728.

Director's Report:

a. December

A lighting contest was held. We collected donations and supplied trophies to the winners.

The Main Street Committee Christmas Party had 86 attendees. We helped organize and provided popcorn and coloring pages/worksheets.

The Christmas Eve Party had 145 attendees. We used both floors this year, with Santa and gifts upstairs and food and crafts downstairs. Rich English volunteered to play the violin and would like to come again next year. Also, Chuck Wisen came with him and played harmonica.

b. January

Sunrise Enterprise installed the windows. He gave a quote of \$4,875 for stain, poly, and screen installation for the previously installed windows.

Elementary kids came for the Gingerbread Man Hunt on the 23rd. They were given library cards and applications.

Sarah applied for a grant through Better World Books to update the YA library.

Sarah also applied for a grant through Parkside Yoga for 15 yoga mats and blocks. There is yoga-specific grant money available, but it does not open until June. She will be applying through the Allegany Area Foundation for two weekly yoga classes to begin, hopefully, in the spring on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The Tax Cap Override form was submitted.

Sarah was chosen (out of 100 library workers in the U.S.) to take the Sustainability Class through ALA and is currently in week 3.

*Sarah and Sebastian went to Albany for library advocacy day on Feb. 3rd.

Other Business as Needed: Community Comments

Community Comments:

Casey Jones came to air a grievance about not being able to attend the December Christmas Eve Party. He would like to help with events and have an alliance with the library.

Casey stated his concern that we discriminated against him and the alliance he is part of by failing to follow our policies on facility use and transparency.

He noted great cooperation in the past but was concerned that this year did not work out. Casey stated that he had an okay in October, then was told he would not be able to attend when he reached out to us about using a table for the event.

Dee responded that we did not discriminate against him or his alliance, nor did we violate library policies.

She apologized for the short notice and stated that we did not have a quorum for that board meeting, so no minutes were available to him. Also, there was concern about space due to the increased number of attendees, so his attendance was simply not possible given occupancy limits.

Dee suggested filling out a library use form for future use of space, and he is still more than welcome to continue using it when it is available.

Reverend Bill Beck of the United Church spoke about our partnership and expressed many thanks to Sarah and the library.

Ed Yagger gave thanks for community support, our work, and dedication to the local community.

Diane Langdon stated she is happy to see more activity in the library lately.

Adjourn Meeting: Dee makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kay. Approved by the board with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.