

Friends of the Library Meeting - March 18, 2026 (Community Room)

Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm by President Steve Kankus.

Board Attendance: Present

Steve Kankus	President
Barbara Crawford	Secretary
Michele Merwarth	Corresponding Secretary
Lisa Blystone	Treasurer
Donna Merchant	Deputy Treasurer*
Susan Blann	Director

\* This is a non-voting position except when the Treasurer is not present.

Absent: Wayne Blann, Dominick Patti, and Jackie Smith  
There is a quorum for today's meeting.

- Recording Secretary's Report:  
The minutes of the February 18, 2026 meeting of the Board of Directors are hereby approved as presented.
- Treasurer's Report:  
The financial report for February is hereby approved as presented.  
The Treasurer's report is attached.  
Regarding the January 2026 financial report: It was noted that the total FOL amount donated to the library was in error. It has been corrected.
- Membership: As of this meeting, the FOL membership is 218.

**Old Business:**

- Lisa switched the FOL's account from M&T's *Non-Profit Checking* to M&T's *Business Plus Checking*. (*Plus checking was more advantageous to us than last meeting's proposed Premium checking*).
- As agreed upon, Lisa put \$3000.00 from the savings account into a 6 month CD at ~2.7%.
- Accepting Membership Fees via Website:  
Steve, Michele & Sophia had a second meeting with the web designer, Syracuse Design Group, to discuss what the FOL needs are and what the website could do, as well as costs involved.

M&T Simple Accept is another option that was mentioned to Lisa by M&T Bank and uses an app called IProcess that could accept transactions.

Informational handouts were given out for both options & Steve would email video links for M&T Simple Accept to the directors. Send any questions to Lisa.

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**New Business:**

- Sophia has requested funding for \$4,224 for the following:
  - Sensory items for Sensory Time (\$1,060)
  - LEGOs for Tween/Teen LEGO Building Programs (\$80)
  - Automated External Defibrillator and staff training (\$3,084)

and to repurpose some previous funds for:

- Table/Tray for the Copy Machine (\$74.99)
- Headphones for Public PCs / Children's AWE Computer (\$65.75)
- Pamphlet holder and bulletin board for lobby (\$205)

**A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to give the MFL \$3,211. The additional monies (\$1218) needed to cover the costs of all items would be covered from the funds remaining from earlier grants (Reference Desk & Projector Projects). The funds requests are attached.**

- The FOL are considering an open house at a future date. Email invitations will be sent to FOL members; pizza and refreshments will be served.

**A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to spend up to \$200 for food and refreshments.**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

The next FOL Business Meeting is April 15th @ 1 pm.

The next MFL Board Meeting is April 14th, 5:45 pm to 7:45 pm.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 2:36 pm.

Submitted by : Barbara Crawford, Recording Secretary