



Annual Meeting

Friends of the Oak Park Public Library

March 10, 2025

Chair: Russell Glidden

Attending, Chet Taranowski, Robert Becker, Diane Cranford, Maya Ganguly, Jennie Stevens, Stuart Greene, Suzy Antell, Denise Roser, Nancy Clark, Sharon Oates (volunteer), Alice Rose (volunteer), Nancy Hartman, Eric Bryning, Kathleen Bell

Secretary (acting): Chet Taranowski

The Annual Meeting was called to order

Last year's minutes were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

Election of Board members and officers:

Renewals: Beth Streit, Kathleen Bell, Stuart Greene, Jennie Stevens, Eric Bryning, Chet Taranowski,

These terms will expire at the Annual Meeting in 2027

A motion was made and approved unanimously to accept the renewals.

Bob Becker was appointed for one year. The appointment was approved unanimously.

Board Goals

The Board Goals for 2024/2025 were reviewed (see attachment) by Chet Taranowski

Board Goals were read and approved for 2025/2026 (see attachment)

The goals were adopted unanimously.

Book Fair Issues:

Kat reported on the key issues. Donations will begin Saturday May 31. The book fair will be held on the 11th 12th and 13th of July. Changes in sorting times will be implemented. The weekday hours will be reduced, particularly early in the sorting when there are few books. Shifts will now be two hours rather than three. Afternoons two-hour shifts will be held Monday and Wednesday from 1-3 and evening shifts will be Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8. Saturdays will have three shifts 9-11, 11-1, and 1-3.

There will be another volunteer orientation on Wednesday, May 21.

Committees for professional book buyers' policy development have met but will continue work next year.

The Friends will be buying our boxes and renting our tables from our sources (rather than going through the library). We determined that there are less expensive vendors than the ones that were used last year.

We are recruiting some younger volunteers to help with the manual labor of moving boxes of books. This will be accomplished by affiliating with local youth organizations. We cannot pay the youth due to legal constraints.

Rules for volunteers were also discussed. These will include having a Board member on each shift to assist volunteers on issues related to sorting and rejecting books.

Membership

Becoming a paid member of the Friends was also discussed. Membership was put on pause last year due to 5013c issues. These issues have been resolved. Money can now be accepted on the Friends website via the library.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held in March of 2026.