

Friends of the Oak Park Public Library Board Meeting, October 20, 2025

Call to order & roll call

- **Present in Person:** Russ Glidden, Beth Streit, Chet Taranowski, Eric Bryning, Robert Becker, Diane Cranford, Nancy Hartman, Jennie Stevens, Kat Bell, Leila Massouh, Colin Bird-Martinez, Mika Yamamoto and Suzy Antell
- **Present on Zoom:** Nancy Clark, Anne Polaski, Denise Roser, and Stuart Greene
- **Call to Order:** Russ called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Approval of minutes

- **Review of August 18, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes:** Jennie moved, Diane seconded and all approved the August 18 Board Meeting Minutes.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Leila reported that the Friends have \$50,132.13 in the business checking account and \$40,804.71 in the money market account. Nancy moved, Jennie seconded and all approved the Treasurer's report.

Library Board Report

Suzy discussed the possibility of the Library pursuing grant opportunities through the Friends. Many grants that the Library would like to pursue require 501(c)(3) status which the Friends have but the Library does not. The group agreed to explore this option further, with Suzy offering to set up a meeting to discuss specific grants.

Suzy said that the Library is seeking guidance on whether the Friends wants the Library to provide a wish list of items the Library would like the Friends to fund. The Friends' Board has previously voted that we no longer need a wish list. We will be giving the Library \$25,000 this year, which is in line with previous donations. The Library will provide a report in January on how last year's funds were spent.

There was a discussion of the types of expenses the Friends have traditionally funded. Suzy suggested the we might create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Friends and the Library to establish a clear process for funding decisions. This is something other Friends' groups and libraries have created.