Friends of the Interlaken Public Library

Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, February 10, 2026

AGENDA:

1. Approval of minutes from January 13, 2026
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Memberships
4. Senior Award
5. Fundraising Ideas
6. Old/New Business
7. Next Meeting Date: March 10, 2026, 6:30 PM & Adjournment

Attendees:

Linda Duddleston, Lauren Garcia, Mary Jean Welser, David Ferguson, Chris Wolff

Linda called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

Secretary's Report:

Linda moved and Bev & Chris seconded the motion to approve the minutes of our January meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

- Linda reported out in Andy's absence
- Through January, no new income in January to transfer besides the check approved and processed at January meeting.
- $11,423.72 in FIPL account currently

Memberships:

- 1 new Business Member - the Finger Lakes Cider House
- Added to the Business member webpage along with the Lilac Foundation. Still no contact info or idea about the Lilac Foundation.

Senior Award:

- How much? What's the criteria? What's the purpose? What impact do we want to have? What do we want to cover?
    - Application fees
    - Books and supplies

    - Awarding behaviors or interests or academic pursuits like writers, library sciences, poetry, research, etc.
    - Must be part of the South Seneca School District, have a library card?
- It would be helpful to review a list of existing awards/scholarships so that we can identify a gap or need that aligns with FIPL's values and interests. Chris is going to Ask the guidance counselor for input and perspective on what would be beneficial for Interlaken students.

Fundraising Ideas:

- Book Sale at Old Home Days - stay tuned on whether OHD changes date this year or keeps it June 6, 2026

New and old business:

We took this opportunity as a group to generate fundraising event ideas:

- Jazz Under the Stars event in the spring: Jazz Band at the Water Tower Park Gazebo and park, BYO, food truck on West Ave, have a booth to sell something (bake sale, merch, etc.)
    - partnership with ICAG? (Lauren will float this out to ICAG)
- Encore Players - theater in the park or Mason's hall? https://encoreplayers.org/ LGG will ask Katie, others reach out to drama dept. contacts if you have them
- Salon dinners (or wine tasting?) event about a topic to spark conversation and connection, hosted at a local space or at the Library or in Interlaken, invite a guest speaker or lead a Salon dinner
    - Cider House
- David brought up engaging the Amish community
- Rod Serling/Twilight Zone screening & discussion event
- Wharton Studio Museum

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Linda moved for adjournment and EVERYONE seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.