FRIENDS OF THE PAULINE HAASS PUBLIC LIBRARY
Minutes
Sept. 21, 2026

President Jan Memmel called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members present: Jan Memmel, Jen Christianson, Karen Jander, Julie Adams, Patty Riek, Cindy Kubesch, Joanne Smith, Joan Timmerman, Kathy Von Hodenberg, Monica Weis, Director Adele Loria.

President's report: No changes to the agenda. The members ratified the minutes of the July 13, 2026 meeting with one name correction. MOTION to approve the minutes as corrected: Smith/Jander.

Treasurer's report: As reported. Need to discuss in a future meeting the appropriate amount to carry over. MOTION to approve: Smith/Riek.

Library Director's report: Adele Loria noted the new tables in the Quad room on wheels. The previous tables were retained for shelving in the basement and for displaying items. The open Trustee seat on the Village Board was the library liaison. Recapped programming and noted the Summer Reading program has grown.

Old Business: Julie Adams reported the 501(c)(3) organization application was approved. Friends of the Pauline Haass Public Library is now recognized by Federal and State as a nonprofit organization. Additional reporting requirements are needed for tax filing. Karen Jander will work with the Library Foundation to understand and prepare for tax filing, including the record-keeping timeframe for receipts. She will also contact US Bank to set up the checking account as a nonprofit.

Jen Christianson summarized the Block party and thanked those who helped make it successful. Attendance was lower than last year, perhaps because of the weather. Discussed the booth location. Discussed attending Cruise Night and who will attend. Opportunity at a Library event to also sell books with a built-in audience with interest. Events now have a Chairperson Book documenting activities.

New Business: Laura Pedrick request from North Shore Library in Bayside for information. She contacted 16 libraries to understand the Friends of the Library activities. Provided a perk for members at the book sale. Wisconsin Library Association – coffee and chat in Pewaukee, October 19th, 9:30–11 a.m.; any officers of Friends are invited.

Book and Bake Sale update – Patty Riek has over 1,000 books donated and is doing well compared to last year. Potential donations to a person for Children's Hospital. Discussed vintage books and ways to sell them since they are impacting storage. Last year, the Library provided withdrawal books, so consider asking librarians to set aside time to weed prior to the Book and Bake Sale. Normally withdrawn books are in the Book Sale room. No appeal is needed for additional donations. The white decorated cart was lost in the flood. **Action:** Adele Loria will time the wedding of the books.

Outdoor Banner report out by Jen Christianson. Discussion: The sign is not valuable if it is difficult to see while driving by. Money spent on yard signs might be more effective. Discussed the name change from Book and Bake Sale. Leave it without a date since it is always the 3rd weekend in November. Motion to price yard signs up to $250 Adams/Jander. **Action** – Jen Christianson to price yard signs. Volunteers are requested for Book and Bake Sale.

2027 Dates and times of meetings discussed. Currently, the first Monday of the month, although the brochure states the third Monday. MOTION to approve: Weis/Memmel.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 2nd, 1 pm.