



**January 5, 2023**

**Meeting was called to order by Marcia Rieder, President.**

**In attendance:**

**Officers:** Marcia Rieder, Carol Bryner, Darlene Bates

**BOD:** Ruthie Smith, Kathy Gephart

**Library Staff:** Suzanne Banta

**Installation of Officers: Carol Bryner installed the new officers for 2023.**

President: Marcia Rieder

Treasurer: Darlene Bates

BOD: Ruthie Smith

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from December 2022 were read and approved. 1st. Kathy Gephart; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Darlene Bates

**Treasurer's Report:** Marcia reported the checkbook balanced with the bank statement. The December 2022 report and the year-end report were presented. The balance at the end of the year is \$8,335.45. Marcia noted expenses were approximately \$200.00 more than we took in this past year. We stayed within the Proposed Budget for 2022.

**Committee Reports:**

**Friends Archives** – Darlene Bates, Chair. The Friends received a thank-you card from the library staff for the Christmas lunch we served in December. This will be added to our archive book.

**Financial** - Marcia Rieder, Chair. Marcia presented the Proposed Budget of \$13,385.00 for 2023. Budget approved: 1<sup>st</sup>, Darlene Bates; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kathy Gephart. A check dated December 29<sup>th</sup> for \$5,000 was received from OVUC. This is grant money for use during 2023. We have been notified we were recommended to receive \$6,000.00 from the special grant we applied for in November from OVUC to use for a bookmobile enhanced package. Approval has been given for Darlene Bates, elected for treasurer in November, to be added to the existing Friends checking account. Marcia Rieder, the treasurer for 2022 and elected president in November, will remain listed on the account as well. Dallas Milliner will be removed from the account.

**Membership** – Kathy Gephart, Chair. Kathy, Darlene and Marcia are compiling data for our membership drive in March. We had (1) new member who joined in December, Bruce Tandy.

**Communications/Correspondence/Documents** – Marcia Rieder, Chair. Suzanne has completed the revision to the new membership form. Marcia made updates to our tri-fold membership/communication flyer, the Friends' Contact Information List and the post of the current officers and board members.

**Events and Activities** – Carol Bryner, Chair. Carol reported the Friends purchased in January 2020 100 T-shirts for a total of \$902.00 to sell as a money maker. As of December 2022, we have 36 T-shirts yet to sell. During 2022, we set up at the Library Farmers Markets, Spring Shindig, and Harvest Showcase. Book bundles were our best sellers.

**Literacy Promotion** - Marcia Rieder, Chair. During 2022, we helped establish 3 new Little Free Libraries—Campbellsburg, Pendleton and sharing the blessing box in Bethlehem. The library did a great job with the Summer Learning Program, exceeding attendance expectations. The Friends helped sponsor the Summer Learning Program with \$7,500 in grant funds awarded to us by Ohio Valley United Charities. The OVUC committee asked for our help to obtain sponsors for holes for the annual golf scramble held at the Henry County Golf Course in September. We visited businesses in the county and sent a mailing requesting sponsors and donors. The golf scramble was a great success and helps fund the grants. We also gave away free books and Make Your Own Bookmark packets to children at the Back-to-School Event. We closed the year with a holiday book sale and accepted donations, earning more than any previous book sale.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Status of OVUC grant.** Marcia reported we received \$5000. this year to use in 2023 for the Summer Learning Program.

**Status of special grant from OVUC.** Marcia reported we were recommended to receive \$6000 for the wrap of the bookmobile and 4 refurbished Ipads with this grant funding.

**Christmas Card Mailing.** Cynthia and Lola mailed Christmas cards to all businesses in the area that are Friends members.

**Planning and Activity Survey.** Marcia reviewed the survey with all. We will discuss in greater detail at next month's meeting.

**Holiday lunch for library staff.** A note of thanks was received from the library staff.

**NEW BUISNESS:**

**No new business.**

**Library Updates:**

**Status of Plaque for Steve Metcalf was tabled until February**

**Upcoming Events:** Suzanne reviewed the January calendar of activities. A calendar may be picked up at the front desk at the library each month or you may review it on the web page.

**Announcements:** No new announcements at this time.

**Next Meeting is February 2, 2023**

**Adjourned: 1<sup>st</sup>, Ruthie Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kathy Gephart**

**Carol Bryner, Secretary**