



March 2, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Marcia Rieder, President.

In attendance:

Officers: Marcia Rieder, Carol Bryner, Darlene Bates

BOD: Ruthie Smith, Kathy Gephart, Cynthia Dare

Library Staff: Tony Jones, Suzanne Banta

Members: Jeannie Morgan

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from February 2, 2023, were read and approved. 1st, Kathy Gephart; 2nd, Ruthie Smith.

Treasurer's Report: Darlene Bates, treasurer, reported our checking account balance as of February 1, 2023, was \$13,442.11. We had income of \$196.80 Book Sales 96.80 and 1 new lifetime member \$100. Expenditures of \$230.06 were 2 rolls of stamps 126.00, Membership to Kentucky Libraries 25.00, Membership to Henry County Chamber 60.00, envelopes 19.06. This ending balance includes the grant money of \$5000. set aside for the summer program this year. Ending balance \$13,367.51. Treasurer report approved; 1st, Ruthie Smith; 2nd, Kathy Gephart.

President's Report: Marcia Rieder, reported the plastic stand for the Friends trifold information/application has been placed at the front desk. The new membership form has been completed with a place for phone numbers. The Kentucky State Friends are planning a fall meeting. Venue is undetermined at this time. Marcia will attend a meeting with the OVUC on March 21, 2023. Marcia reported that the Membership, Events, and Projects and Services committees now have procedure guides to assist as well as the Treasurer's office. This was done to help with the change of committee chairs and officers. The Secretary will keep copies of the procedure guides on record.

Committee Reports:

Friends Archives /Publicity/Public Relations - Cynthia Dare is busy at most functions visiting with patrons and passing out brochures for memberships. She is always taking pictures and collecting information for the archive book.

Financial - Darlene Bates, Treasurer. Checkbook balanced.

Membership – Kathy Gephart, Darlene Bates and Marcia Rieder worked on mailing 140 membership letters. This included both individuals and businesses with memberships as well as nonmember businesses. 2022 membership lists, addresses and mailing labels have been updated.

Events – Ruthie Smith is preparing for the Spring Shindig in April.

Projects and Services Committee (formerly Literacy Promotion) – Lola Hudson was absent so unable to report. Marcia and Lola spoke before our meeting and Lola is going to help Marcia and Ruthie with the Friends bookshelves and is also researching grant opportunities. Lola will pull plans together for an appreciation lunch for National Libraries Workers' Day. Cynthia reported that she and Lola have shared ideas as well.

Old Business: Planning and Activity Survey

Marcia Rieder gave an overview of some of the results from the Friends survey we emailed to members in January.

Presently, we receive money from book/bundle donations, T-shirt sales, membership dues, donations and the Ohio Valley United Charities grants. Overall, everyone wants to write for more grants for fundraising.

What is your personal goal as a Friends member? More awareness of the library, help with reading and literacy and making our community a better place.

Indicate the volunteer activities in which you have participated. Overall people want to be asked to help.

What activities would you like to see us continue or initiate in the future in support of the library? Work on summer programs, focus on adult literacy and work with the adult services librarian.

Is there anything we are not doing that you think we should start doing? Monthly newsletter, more involvement with members and more communications.

NEW BUISNESS:

The Projects and Services Committee and Archives, Publicity and PR Committee. Lola and Cynthia are working on recognizing the staff for National Library Week April 23- 29. Ruthie (Events Committee Chair) is completing paperwork for Cara for the Love Local events and getting organized for the Spring Shindig event.

Library Updates:

Tony presented the letter he wrote OUVC stating the library will cover the remaining \$1500. the grant did not cover for the Special Project Grant. The library will cover expenses for 4 outreach programs and books; the OVUC grant will cover the bookmobile wrap and 4 I-pads with wi-fi capability. The letter is to be adjusted, so that both Tony and Marcia will sign the letter.

Suzanne submitted a Proposal for Funding form for materials to be purchased for use during the summer library programs (OVUC grant funding).

Upcoming Events:

Spring Shindig: April 15, 2023

Announcements: A calendar may be picked up at the library front desk for the month of activities.

Next Meeting is April 6, 2023

Adjourned: 1st, Kathy Gephart; 2nd, Ruthie Smith

Carol Bryner, Secretary