



November 2, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Marcia Rieder, President.

In attendance:

Officers: Marcia Rieder, Carol Bryner

BOD: Cynthia Dare, Kathy Gephart, Ruthie Smith

Library Staff: Suzanne Banta

Members: Jeanne Morgan

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from October 5, 2023, were read and approved. 1st Kathy Gephart
2nd, Ruthie Smith.

Treasurer's Report: Due to the absence of our treasurer, there was no report.

President's Report: Marcia Rieder

- Marcia is finishing the Special Grant Report for OVUC due in December. Marcia is now working on the grant for a 2024 special grant that is offered again this year and due by 1 December. The library staff is gathering necessary information for grant specifics.
- Marcia Rieder, Carol Bryner and Lola Hudson attended the Friends of Kentucky Libraries yearly meeting on Saturday, October 7, 2023. Library representatives shared their ideas on how to enlist new members. This meeting was well attended from all over the state and very informative. We wore our Henry County Friends T-shirts and got a lot of attention.
- Special grants awarded will be announced at the December 14th OVUC meeting.
- Thanks to all who were able to attend the ribbon cutting of the Story Walk for taking all the pictures.
- Denise Lyons, Commissioner of Friends of Kentucky Libraries, attended the ribbon cutting.
- Cynthia Dare and Tess completed the article "Being a Book Bus." This will be attached to the Friends' Special Project year-end report for the bookmobile grant.

Committee Reports:

Friends Archives /Publicity/Public Relations: Cynthia explained about her day of travels following the bookmobile through the county. Her experiences were detailed in the Book Bus story she wrote.

Financial: No report.

Membership: Kathy Gephart. Kathy reminded us that anyone joining the Friends after September 30 will have a membership that will run thru 2024.

Events: Ruthie Smith reported at the October Love Local Market and Festival was a success with 1300 children and adults attending the activities. The spider game was a success and kids had fun. The Friends gave out candy, 75 books and 50 composition books. Membership drawing in November will be for a holiday wreath. Marcia shared with the group the holiday wreath that will be given away. The October 1st prize winner at the Love Local Fall Festival was Marty Tollefson for the book lap quilt. The 2nd prize winner for the book, *Dark Highway*, was Sandy Doane.

Projects and Services Committee: Lola Hudson was absent. No report.

Old Business:

- **Election of Board Members.** Carol made a motion that we accept the candidates nominated for Board Members: Lola Hudson, new board member for 2 years and Cynthia Dare and Kathy Gephart have agreed to another 2-year term. All members in attendance approved nominations. Installation of officers will be in January.
- **Volunteer Assistance:** Marcia is to meet with a young man who would like to volunteer with the Friends and help out with our technology needs.
- **Book Sales and Library Appreciation.** Marcia has children's books to be placed on the Friends shelves during the month of December. Marcia is checking on several places for prices for our December luncheon for the library staff. This will be finalized at our next meeting.

New Business: No new business

Library Updates: Suzanne Banta

- December 9, 2023, Big Winter Blowout with a free pancake breakfast, Santa Claus, puppet show and making Gingerbread Houses. There will be activities all day. Marcia and Jeanne will be responsible for setting up a Friends' table for this event. Two door prizes will be offered to all and children's items to be determined will be given out.
- Suzanne asked the Friends to provide (2) baskets to be given away for the winter reading challenge. The baskets to be a value of \$150. each, one for adults (Suzanne) and one for children (Cara). Kathy Gephart made a motion we provide \$300. for the baskets; 2nd, Ruthie Smith. Marcia signed the Funding Proposal.
- Suzanne reviewed all the activities for the month of November.
- Suzanne, Tony and Desmond are gathering information for a 3-D printer, sewing machine and more to be used in (Makers Space) that the public can use to give to Marcia so she can complete the application and apply for the Special OVUC grant.

Upcoming Events: Love Local Market and Fall Festival will be held November 17th, 2023.

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

Next Meeting is December 7, 2023

Adjourned: Marcia thanked all for their involvement and hard work during October and then called for the meeting to adjourn. 1st, Ruthie Smith 2nd, Jeanne Morgan.

Carol Bryner, Secretary