



December 7, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Marcia Rieder, President.

In attendance:

Officers: Marcia Rieder, Carol Bryner, Darlene Bates

BOD: Cynthia Dare, Ruthie Smith

Library Staff: Tony Jones

Members: Lola Hudson, Marcia Duncan, Nadine Cox

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from November 2, 2023, were read and approved. 1st. Lola Hudson
2nd, Ruthie Smith.

Treasurer's Report: Darlene Bates presented the October and November treasurer's report. Receipts for October were \$98.86 and November \$107.13. for a total of \$205.99. Expenditures during October were \$33.80 and no expenditures in November. Lola Hudson made a motion to approved the treasurer's report; Ruthie Smith 2nd. All present approved.

President's Report: Marcia Rieder

- Special Grant Report from OVUC was filed on November 6, 2023. Deadline was met.
- The Ohio Valley United Charities agreement contract was received, signed and returned. This contract Marcia signed was saying we (FHCPL) had used the money for what we had requested in the grant.
- On November 28, 2023, the Special Grant was submitted to OVUC for a Mobile Maker Space. A mobile maker space is a rolling cart that will hold equipment such as Sewing Machine, Laser Printer, 3D printer, a Cricket machine and etc.
- Marcia passed around the contact sheet for all board members to update.

Committee Reports:

Friends Archives /Publicity/Public Relations: Cynthia reported she is still working on collecting articles for the scrap-book. Cynthia will also mail Christmas cards to Friends members that do not have email. A Christmas card will be sent electronically to those with email.

Financial: Darlene reported the checkbook and statements balanced.

Membership: Kathy Gephart. Kathy is gathering information from the membership application as to any member that said they would like to volunteer with the Friends. We are looking for more people to be involved with the Friends.

Events: Ruthie Smith reported she was unable to attend the last Love Local Market in November. Marcia and Carol will set up a table at the Big Winter Blowout, Saturday, December 9, 2023, giving out books, coloring books, game books and window clings. There will also be a drawing for an Afghan made and donated by Helen Coombs. A second drawing is for a Gingerbread House kit.

Projects and Services Committee: Lola Hudson had no report.

Old Business:

- **December Book Shelf Display.** Crystal, a library staff member, has been helping to keep the Friends book shelves straightened for us. Thanks, Crystal.
- **Volunteer Assistance.** John is a new volunteer for the Friends; he has designed several flyers for us to use and the e- Christmas card we will send out.
- **Santa Event, December 9.** The Big Winter Blow Out. The Friends will set up a table.
- **Library Staff Appreciation Lunch.** Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Lola volunteered to pick up the food from Farmstead Market. Sandwich meat & cheese tray, bread, dessert, and condiments. Marcia will get the chips, paper plates and napkins.
- **Holiday Book Shelves Display:** Marcia has set up a Christmas book display and Suzanne has advertised.

New Business:

Cara Woods, Adult Services Librarian, submitted a funding proposal for \$400. to be used for a Seed Library. Parker Farms is going to order a variety of seed packets. These seeds will be given out at a spring gardening program. In 2023, the library gave 938 packets out for planting. This is to promote growing your own food, healthy eating and healthy living. Marcia Duncan made a motion to give \$400. for the seeds; Lola Hudson 2nd. All present approved.

January Installation of Officers: Installation will take place at our next regular meeting January 4, 2024.

Year-End Reports: Officers and Committee Chairs were asked to prepare a short year-end report at our next meeting.

Library Updates: Starting in January, fiction books will be in alphabetical order by author on the shelves.

Upcoming Events:

- Winter Reading Challenge, December 1 – January 31, 2024
- Drop Your Drawers at the library, December 1 – January 31, 2024

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

Next Meeting is January 4, 2024

Adjourned: Marcia called for the meeting to adjourn. 1st, Ruthie Smith; 2nd, Lola Hudson.

Carol Bryner, Secretary