



January 4, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Marcia Rieder, President.

In attendance:

Officers: Marcia Rieder, Carol Bryner, Darlene Bates

BOD: Cynthia Dare, Kathy Gephart, Ruthie Smith

Library Staff: Tony Jones

Members:

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from December 7, 2023, were read and approved. 1st Kathy Gephart
2nd, Darlene Bates.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was reviewed. There was \$115.98 in receipts from book donations with \$830.94 expenditures for 2 prize baskets for the Winter Reading Challenge \$300., seeds for the Seed Library Project \$400., and \$130.94 for Christmas supplies for Santa Event. Treasurer's report approved 1st. Ruthie Smith; 2nd. Kathy Gephart.

President's Report: Marcia Rieder

Carol Bryner, Secretary. installed our 2 board members for another 2 years of service. Kathy Gephart and Cynthia Dare.

Marcia Rieder attended the December 14, 2023 Ohio Valley United Charities meeting. A letter was received saying the Friends will receive \$3500.00 of a requested \$4200.00 special grant for the Mobile Maker Space if the library will agree to come up with the difference of \$700.00. Tony will need to send OVUC a letter saying the library will be able to cover the \$700.00 needed to comply with this request.

KY State Friends of the Library is posting a calendar of all counties that belong to the KY Friends having book sales. The Ky State Friends of the Library will notify us of proposed legislation regarding public libraries as soon as it is available. The new president of the KY State Friends of the Library is Louise Canter.

Officers and Committee Year-End Reports:

Marcia Rieder, President - The Friends received 3 grants in 2023, 2 from OVUC and 1 from KY State Friends of the Library. We became active at the state level, we enhanced links to the community by displaying at the Love Local Markets and the StoryWalk. We actively worked to gain new members and we also had members to help at the Love Local Markets. We have a new volunteer. John Kelly, who has excellent computer skills and is helping with flyers. We have had good responses for donations for books. We supported the OVUC golf scramble and supported the library staff with appreciation lunches.

Carol Bryner, Secretary - Takes minutes at each meeting, keeps the G-mail account up, enters all members names in a data base and sends meeting notice and approved minutes to all members by email.

Friends Archives /Publicity/Public Relations - Cynthia Dare is compiling a scrapbook for the Friends as to how we are involved in the community. Cynthia does not meet a stranger and by word of mouth she was always visiting with patrons at the Love Local Markets and telling them about the Friends and encouraging them to join the Friends. She was always donating her money for books and giving them to children at the market. The library staff worked with the committee to advertise our raffles and giveaways at the market through flyers and announcements. At the Little Libraries, they placed pictures of the prizes to be given away at the Market. Cynthia would like to go forward working on our social media and web page. Cynthia is going to review the past year and see what worked and what didn't work and proceed to get the word out about the Friends in the coming year.

Financial - Darlene Bates makes all deposits in a timely manner, pays all bills in a timely manner and balances the checkbook with the bank statement. She also presents a monthly report at the Friends meeting. Darlene keeps track of the grant money we receive and pays all bills. At this time, all grant money has been used.

Membership - Kathy Gephart's committee mailed the new application for renewal membership to all members on record. The committee keeps a running list of each group of business, lifetime, family, and individual members. They have compiled a list of interested members who would be interested in volunteering with the Friends. Everything is working satisfactorily.

Events: - Ruthie Smith. Ruth Smith set up a booth at the Love Local Markets from May – October and at the Spring Shindig and Harvest Showcase. At the markets, Ruthie had applications for new members and books for all ages. Anyone could get a book for a donation. She had volunteers other than board members to help her. We also had members only prize drawings to increase membership. Ruthie feels we need more children's books for the Love Local Markets. Setting up at these events gets the name of the Friends of Henry Public Library in front of the public.

Projects and Services Committee: Lola Hudson was absent due to illness. No report. This committee will no longer be in effect and the president will coordinate endeavors of this type with other officers, the board and active members.

Old Business:

- Committee chairs are to contact their committee members and discuss what their goals are for the coming year by the next meeting.
- Winter Blowout: The Friends had a table giving away books, window clings, etc. We had a drawing for an Afghan and Ginger Bread Kit. This was a successful event.

New Business: It was suggested that the group meet outside the regular meeting and discuss how we are going to go forward. This was suggested because it takes too much time during regular meetings. Marcia will co-ordinate this meeting with Marcia Duncan.

Library Updates: Tony Jones

During the holidays new shelving was placed in the children's section, the floor has been cleaned and buffed and the reorganizing of the non-fiction section is almost completed. The bookmobile is out of commission, waiting for parts.

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

Next Meeting is February 1, 2024

Adjourned: Marcia called for the meeting to adjourn 1st, Ruthie Smith; 2nd, Carol Bryner

Carol Bryner, Secretary