



April 3, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Marcia Rieder, President.

In attendance:

Officers: Marcia Rieder, Carol Bryner, Darlene Bates, Ruthie Smith

BOD: Kathy Gephart, Mitch Ashby

Library Staff: Tony Jones

Members: Tess Valentine, Linda Billups, Marcia Duncan

Guest: Steve Metcalf, Member of the Board of Trustees of the Henry County Public Library

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from March 6, 2025, meeting were read and approved. 1st, Darlene Bates; 2nd Kathy Gephart

Installation of Officers and Board of Directors: Terri Cummings was absent and will be installed at an upcoming meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Darlene Bates

Receipts	\$629.95
Donations for books during March	29.95
Donations	20.00
Membership	580.00
Expenditures	5030.00
Love Your Library Day, Marcia Rieder	30.00
HCPL grant money	5000.00

Treasurer's report approved by 1st, Ruthie Smith; 2nd, Linda Billups

President's Report: Marcia Rieder

OVUC: Marcia Rieder attended the OVUC Breakfast of Champions. The Second Wind Dreams, Henry County 4-H and FHCPL recipients of OVUC grants gave short presentations. Our Best Restaurant donated the meal for this event. The zoom meeting scheduled for March 18, 2025, did not take place at that time. A meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2025, at the Baxter Law Office to discuss the golf scramble, grant amounts for this year, and money available for cyber training for area schools. The OVUC Grant Application for 2026 will be posted the last of April and due by Memorial Day in May.

Community Service Project - Owen County Electric needs volunteer hours for their employees. They were directed to Joe Durbin with the Help Center as he is in need of volunteers all the time.

KY State Friends of the Library: The KY State Friends is offering a \$500. grant this year. A committee of Marcia Rieder, Marcia Duncan, Ruthie Smith and Carol Bryner will meet to determine if we will apply for the grant and how we can best use the money for strengthening services or increasing its profile in the community.

Library Updates: **Tony Jones** is working on the budget for next year for the library. He is checking out how the Friends may be able to help provide items his budget will not handle. Tony and Desmond Richardson attended a Computer and Library Conference regarding AI and beefing up security. April 25, 2025, is the Preschool Prom. Tony asked the Friends to help out.

Committee Reports:

- **Friends' Archives, Publicity and Public Relations – Cynthia Dare.** No report.
- **Financial - Darlene Bates** advised that the checkbook and bank statement balanced.
- **Membership - Kathy Gephart** reported the renewal memberships are coming in.
- **Events – Marcia Duncan** is scheduling the Love Local Markets the Friends will attend. They are May 9, June 13, September 12 and October 10.

Old Business: Ruthie Smith, with the assistance of Linda Billups and Kathy Gephart, will provide lunch at the library for the staff on April 8, 2025, compliments of the FHCPL. Cheese and Meat tray with homemade bread will be purchased from Farmstead Market.

Announcements: **A calendar of library activities may be picked up at the library front desk.**
Membership forms for 2025 are available at the Friends' book shelves and at the front desk.

Next Meeting: **May 1, 2025, 3 pm, at the library.**

Adjourned: **Marcia called for the meeting to adjourn. 1st, Kathy Gephart; 2nd, Marcia Duncan**

Carol Bryner, Secretary