



June 5, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Marcia Rieder, President.

In attendance:

Officers: Marcia Rieder, Carol Bryner, Ruthie Smith

BOD: Kathy Gephart, Mitch Ashby, Cynthia Dare, Terri Cummings

Library Staff: Tony Jones

Members: Marcia Duncan, Tess Valentine, Jeanne Morgan

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from May 1, 2025, meeting were read and approved. 1st, Ruthie Smith; 2nd, Jeanne Morgan

Installation of Officers and Board of Directors: Terri Cummings was installed as our 5th Board of Directors member. Terri will file our 990 report by June 30, 2025.

Treasurer's Report: Reporting Ruthie Smith for Darlene Bates

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| Receipts | \$189.25 |
| Donations for books during May | 54.25 |
| Donations | |
| Membership | 135.00 |
| Expenditures | 145.48 |
| Ruthie Smith – Items for staff lunch | 74.55 |
| Marcia Rieder Love Local Mkt. & bookshelf supplies | 70.93 |

Treasurer's report approved by 1st, Jeannie Morgan; 2nd, Marcia Duncan

President's Report: Marcia Rieder

OVUC: Marcia Rieder attended the Ohio Valley United Charities meeting May 7, 2025. The Cyber Security program for elementary schools was approved for the following counties: Gallatin, Owen, Henry, Trimble and Carroll. The Baxter Law office is sending a letter to each school district in the listed counties to see if they want the program with funding. The total cost is estimated to be between \$17,000 – \$18,000. The Cyber Security program is taking the place of special grants this year. The decisions for awards for the 2026 OVUC grants are to be ready by October 1, 2025. The Friends' grant was submitted electronically and by hand delivery by Marcia on May 12.

KY State Friends of the Library: The grant proposal has been submitted “**Meet Friends with Friends**” to the KY State Friends of the Library. The grant submission was emailed and receipt confirmed on May 8 by Marcia.

Library Updates: Tony Jones

There are 2 areas in the parking lot needing repair.

The library has hired 2 employees to replace two employees that left, Toni Valentine and Shanna Schack.

Lite Brite has been completed, and the Wonder Wall has been repaired and working.

The summer lunch program started with 90 children attending the first day.

Tony will set up at Smithfield Days, Saturday, June 7, 2025, representing the Rotary and the Library. He will be giving out information and registering for the summer programs for the library.

Steve Metcalf, representing **the Board of Trustees**, reported that the Lite Brite has been completed. More pegs are needed, so he plans to submit a funding request for additional pegs to the Friends after Friends members have had an opportunity to check out the Lite Brite. He also reported that the Wonder Wall is presently working but still needs some tweaking.

Committee Reports:

- **Friends’ Archives, Publicity and Public Relations** – Cynthia Dare will attend Smithfield Days, Saturday, June 7, 2025, for Henry United and will be promoting Friends. Ruthie Smith will be working on the Archive with Cynthia.
- **Financial - Darlene Bates** was absent. Terri Cummings reported that she completed the financial IRS work which is submitted with the OVUC grant.
- **Membership - Kathy Gephart** registered 3 new members in May.
- **Events – Marcia Duncan, Mitch and Joann Ashby** set up at the Love Local Market on May 9, 2025. They recruited (4) new members. New members were given a goodie information bag. Mitch and Linda will set up the June 13th Love Local Market.

Old Business: Gift Basket for Adult Summer Learning Update

Marcia Duncan is working on the basket.

New Business: Ohio Valley United Charities golf scramble, reported by Marcia, will be held October 18, 2025, at the Fairway Golf Course in Wheatley, KY, Owen County. Registration will only be done on-line this year. The golf scramble is the largest fundraiser for OVUC. Marcia and volunteer John Kelly are working on a promotional flyer for the event.

The Harvest Showcase is scheduled Saturday, July 26, 2025. The registration forms are not available at this time.

Upcoming Events: Love Local Market: June 13, 2025, 6-9 p.m.

Harvest Showcase: July 26, 2025, at the Henry County Fair Grounds.

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

Membership forms for 2025 are available at the Friends’ bookshelves and at the front desk.

Next Meeting: July 3, 2025, 3 pm, at the library.

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

Carol Bryner, Secretary