



July 3, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Marcia Rieder, President.

In attendance:

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

BOD: Mitch Ashby, Cynthia Dare

Library Staff: Tony Jones

Members: Marcia Duncan, Linda Billups

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from June 5, 2025, meeting were read and approved. 1st, Cynthia Dare; 2nd, Mitch Ashby

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts	\$146.51	
Donations for books during June		81.51
Donations	35.00	
Membership	30.00	
Expenditures	32.89	
Linda Billups-library staff lunch	32.89	

Treasurer's Report approved by 1st, Ruthie Smith; 2nd, Marcia Duncan

President's Report: Marcia Rieder

KY State Friends of the Library:

We are pleased to acknowledge being granted the \$500. Chapter Grant from Ky State Friends of the Library. Grant money is to be used for the "Meet Friends with Friends" networking and learning event in the spring of 2026. The committee is designing their own T-shirt using the Cricket in the Maker Space at the library. We would like to have this project completed by the end of the year. At our August meeting, Marcia Duncan will have samples of different styles of T-shirt necklines and colors to choose from. Everyone is to bring their ideas of what design they would like to see on our shirt.

The Ky State Friends of the Library is asking for recommendations of an outstanding Friends Chapter. Marcia provided Cynthia with the form to read over to see if next year we may want to submit our Henry County Friends Chapter.

OVUC: The FHCPL will be working on a mailing for our business members and past donors to encourage donors and golf team sponsors for the upcoming golf scramble. The mailing will go out July 7th with a follow-up email August 1st.

Library Updates: Tony Jones

The holes in the parking lot have been repaired.

New hire Jack Ruzanke is the new Children's Program Assistant.

663 have registered for all the Summer Learning Programs.

93 have registered for Ready to Learn which is our preschool readers;

318 have registered for Summer Learning, which is our school age readers;

61 teens have registered for Teen Summer Learning; 191 adults have signed up for Adult Summer Learning

Committee Reports:

- **Friends' Archives, Publicity and Public Relations** – Cynthia Dare and Ruthie Smith are diligently working on assembling and organizing the Friends' historical binder that serves as a living archive of our group's journey. Cynthia Dare plans to attend the Henry United meeting in July.
- **Financial - Darlene Bates:** Bank statement and checkbook balanced.
- **Membership - Kathy Gephart** absent. Kathy provided an updated list of members who have expressed a willingness to volunteer this year.
- **Events – Marcia Duncan.** Marcia Duncan is finalizing plans for the Harvest Showcase - July 26, 2025. The committee is also working on the Back-to-School event, August 9, 2025, 11 am-2:30 pm at the library. Half Price Books has donated 160 books to be given out that day. After the August board meeting, the board of directors, officers and active members will assemble gift bags to go with the books which will be given to students the 9th.

Old Business:

Gift Basket for Adult Summer Learning Update:

Marcia Duncan assembled the basket for the Adult Summer Learning Program and delivered to Cara Wood.

Ohio Valley United Charities Golf Scramble:

Marcia Rieder advised that the golf scramble helps to provide funding for the grants awarded by OVUC. The FHCPL are recipients of these grants. The Golf Scramble is a fun and meaningful way to support an organization that does so much good in our region. The "Friends" will be sending an email and letters out to our business members asking for a donation and/or inviting a team to play as a way to support the OVUC Golf Scramble. The golf scramble is September 18, 2025, at Fairway Golf Course in Wheatley, Ky, Owen County. Registration will only be done on-line this year.

<https://birdease.com/32496/register>. The golf scramble is the largest fundraiser for OVUC.

The Harvest Showcase: Marcia Duncan is finalizing plans for July 26, 2025.

Upcoming Events: Love Local Market: Friday August 8, 2025, 6-9 pm, at the library.

Harvest Showcase: July 26, 2025

Back-to -School: Saturday, August 9, 2025, 11:00-2:30 pm, at the library.

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: August 7, 2025, 3 pm, at the library.

Adjourned: Marcia called for the meeting to adjourn. 1st, Linda Billups, 2nd, Marcia Duncan

Carol Bryner, Secretary