



November 6, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Marcia Rieder, President.

In attendance:

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

BOD: Terri Cummings, Kathy Gephart, Cynthia Dare

Library Staff: Tony Jones

Members: Marcia Duncan, Jeanne Morgan

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from September 4, 2025, meeting were read and approved. 1st, Darlene Bates; 2nd, Kathy Gephart

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Terri Cummings in the absence of Treasurer, Darlene Bates

Receipts	\$33.50
Book Donations	\$28.50
Membership	\$5.00

Expenditures	\$261.42
Marcia Rieder – reimbursement - mugs	
Friends of Ky Libraries Grant	\$25.42
Henry County Public Library	
Makerspace T-shirt Heat Press	\$236.00

A separate record to account for our Friends of Ky Libraries Grant money is being kept.

Of the \$500. grant money, \$90.32 has been spent leaving a balance of \$409.68.

T-shirts with logo for Officers and Board of Directors \$64.90; Mugs with logo for Officers and Board of Directors \$25.42

Treasurer's Report approved by 1st, Ruthie Smith; 2nd, Kathy Gephart

President's Report: Marcia Rieder

Ohio Valley United Charities

Marcia Rieder contacted Henry County Public Schools again regarding the Cybersecurity free program sponsored by OVUC. They are very interested in participating in the program and are now working with OVUC.

A report on the Golf Scramble outcome will be discussed at the next meeting on November 12, 2025. The event sponsored by the OVUC received recognition in the "The Local" newspaper which featured both an article and several photographs which included the Friends and highlights of the day's activities and participants.

Suzanne Banta, Young Adult and Children's Services Librarian, compiled statistics and photos, and Marcia completed and submitted the 2025 Grant Report to Ohio Valley United Charities.

KY State Friends of the Library:

Marica Rieder, Carol Bryner, Marcia Duncan and Jeanne Morgan attended on October 18, 2025, the KY State Friends of the Library yearly meeting in Frankfort. There were 16 counties represented. We had roundtable discussions on:

- **Building Membership & Volunteers**
- **Successful Fundraisers Ideas**
- **Starting Up or Revitalizing a Friends Group & Addressing Generational Challenges**
- **Marketing & Community Outreach**

Library Updates: Tony Jones

The library will be closed Tuesday November 11, 2025, for Veterans Day.

About 2,000 attended and had a fun time at the Fall Festival.

Big Winter Blowout will be December 6, 2025, 10:00 am – 2:30 p.m.; 9:30 - Breakfast with Santa served by the Kiwanis.

Drop Your Draws at the library donations will be accepted October 1 – November 29, 2025. The Free Gift Wrap table is open where paper and supplies are available for giftwrapping. Donations are accepted of left-over gift paper, ribbons and stickers.

Committee Reports:

- **Friends' Archives, Publicity and Public Relations – Cynthia Dare:** Henry Unites will meet the third week of November. Henry Unites received a grant and will soon be able to have transportation to get clients back and forth to the center. Cynthia presented the Friends' gift basket she prepared to the New Castle Nursing Home for the silent auction at their fall festival.
- **Financial - Darlene Bates:** Bank statement and checkbook balanced.
- **Membership - Kathy Gephart:** No report.
- **Events – Marcia Duncan:** Marcia Rieder, Marcia Duncan, Linda Billups and Kathy Gephart set up a table at the Eminence Independence Schools Literacy Night at Lettlelki Icelandics, October 30, 2025. They passed out candy, membership applications, bookmarks and trifolds for the Friends. Marcia Duncan has been preparing for the Big Winter Blowout and library staff gifts.

Old Business: Funding Proposal for Heat Press Update

Desmond Richardson has received the heat press and has used it several times. He is very pleased with this heat press. Tony will follow-through regarding the receipt.

New Business:

Election – Board of Directors: Carol Bryner, Secretary

At the October meeting, Marcia Duncan and Linda Billups were nominated to the Board of Directors replacing outgoing representees Kathy Gephart and Lola Hudson to the Board. Cynthia Dare has agreed to serve another 2-year term. By a raising of hands, all members present approved members Marcia Duncan, Linda Billups and Cynthia Dare to a 2-year terms on the board of directors. Installation of officers will take place at the January meeting.

Holiday Giving Tree: Beginning November 1st, 2025, the Giving Tree was up at the entrance of the library and ready for donations. This year we are trying to get the word out about the Giving Tree by contacting the Henry County Chamber of Commerce to add the notice to their newsletter, contacting Froggie radio to have notice placed on their web page and announcement on the radio, posted on "We the People of Henry County" web page, displayed flyers throughout the county and emailed all members of the HCPL Friends a reminder regarding the Giving Tree.

Funding Proposal for 4 Items: Suzanne Banta, Youth Services Librarian, submitted a funding proposal for a **(At the Doctor's Learning Depot)** at a cost of \$946.99. After much discussion about the proposal, Marcia Rieder made a motion

to approve the funding proposal. 1st, Darlene Bates; 2nd, Terri Cummings. All present approved the motion. A plaque will be placed on the side of the table recognizing the Friends.

December Activities and Events: Members discussed the following in preparation:

Big Winter Blowout – 12/6/2025, 10-2:30. Marcia Duncan is working on this. Members to meet 11/18/2025 10:00 a.m. to help assemble items.

Staff Appreciation - Marcia Duncan is coordinating gifts for 21 staff members.

Committee Year-end Reports - Committee chairs are to write a paragraph report regarding what their committee did this year with suggestions for adjustments. Report to be presented at the December meeting.

Topics to think about for the future:

- Committees
- Kinds of changes
- Meeting dates & time
- Technology - Zoom, web page, Facebook, etc.

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.

The Friends have bookshelves to the right of the entrance in the library. We have gently used books available for a donation. Please take your donation to the front desk.

Check out "The Friends" web page on the Henry County Public Library's web site. <http://henrylibrary.org/friends/>

Next Meeting: December 4, 2025, 3 pm, at the library. (Gift assembly 1:30-3pm and 4-4:45 pm)

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

Carol Bryner, Secretary