



**December 4, 2025**

**Meeting was called to order by Marcia Rieder, President.**

**In attendance:**

**Officers:** Marcia Rieder, Carol Bryner, Darlene Bates

**BOD:** Kathy Gephart, Cynthia Dare, Mitch Ashby

**Library Staff:** Tony Jones

**Members:** Marcia Duncan, Jeanne Morgan, Linda Billups

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from November 6th meeting were read and approved. 1<sup>st</sup>, Cynthia Dare; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Darlene Bates.

**Treasurer's Report:** Darlene Bates

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$102.45</b>
Book Donations	\$82.45
Membership	\$20.00

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$240.96</b>
Cynthia Dare	\$36.07
Items for Friends of the Library	
Donated Basket	
Marcia Duncan	\$204.89
Supplies for Fall Festival	

Treasurer's Report approved by 1<sup>st</sup>, Jeannie Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Marcia Duncan

**President's Report: Marcia Rieder**

**Ohio Valley United Charities**

Marcia Rieder attended the OVUC November board meeting. After checking all grant applications that were approved earlier and had now forwarded their year-end reports will be processed. Checks will be sent to recipients December 1 – 15, 2025. The Breakfast of Champions Awards Meeting will be March 10, 2026. This celebration will be held at the Carrollton Jefferson County Technical College. All the awardees will be recognized at the breakfast. Cyber Security training is scheduled for 2026 for the Henry County Schools and school districts in Carroll, Gallatin, Owen and Trimble counties.

**KY State Friends of the Library:** Grant committee will meet January 20, 2026. Work is in progress for our April meeting "Meet Friends with Friends."

**Library Updates:** Tony Jones'

The Big Winter Blowout is scheduled for December 6, 2025, at the library. The Non-Fiction section of the library is now on wheels. All shelves can be moved easily from place-to-place, if needed. The library will be closed December 12, 2025, for

staff development. Gifts for the staff from the Friends will be given at the meeting. Check out “The Local” since Tony writes updates on what is happening at the library.

#### **Committee Year-End Reports:**

- **Friends’ Archives, Publicity and Public Relations – Cynthia Dare:** Cynthia found that this committee needs to be divided Archives as one Publicity and Public Relations as another.
- **Financial - Darlene Bates:** Bank statement and checkbook balanced. Year-end report will be presented in January.
- **Membership - Kathy Gephart:** Reported membership is down for year enrollers--16 individual members, 11 family members, 12 business members and a total of 32 lifetime members. Kathy Gephart has resigned from this committee. Marcia Rieder is revising the membership application. After much discussion, the price of membership will remain the same. \$5.00 for individual, \$10.00 for family, \$25.00 for business and \$100. for lifetime.
- **Events – Marcia Duncan:** Marcia reported the Friends set up at several Love Local Markets and she felt our membership donations were lower and so were donations for books. This year several events were cancelled, attendance at events was lower than in the past and we had decided to only exhibit at one activity each month. Often, those who stopped by our booth no longer carry cash and we had no way to collect donations. As we plan for 2026, we need to reconsider which events to attend and how to collect donations, so we can better promote the FRIENDS group, increase community awareness, attract new members and encourage donations for books.

#### **Old Business:**

The Holiday Giving Tree has been a success and collection will end December 5, 2025. Marcia Rieder and Ruthie will take the tree down on Friday, December 5, 2025, and deliver the hats to the Henry County Schools and to the Eminence Independent School District. At this time, we do not have a count of how many hats were collected. Workers for the Big Winter Blowout is Marcia Duncan, Mitch Ashby, Linda Billups and Jeanne Morgan.

#### **New Business:**

**January Meeting Date:** The Friends meeting in January has been moved to January 8, 2026, since our next meeting would be on the 1<sup>st</sup>, New Year’s Day, and the library will be closed.

**Topics for the New Year:** Committees, meeting date and time, new directors, zoom meetings, technology and budget.

**We ended our meeting by playing the game of Left and Right, passing gift bags as a story was read. Every time the word right or left was mentioned, the bags were passed in that directions. Fun for all.**

**Announcements:** A calendar of library activities may be picked up at the library front desk.  
Membership forms 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/>**

**Adjourned:** Marcia called for the meeting to adjourn. 1<sup>st</sup>, Jeanne Morgan; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Marcia Duncan

**Carol Bryner, Secretary**