



January 8, 2026

Meeting was called to order by Marcia Rieder, President.

In attendance:

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

BOD: Cynthia Dare, Mitch Ashby, Terri Cummings, Linda Billups, Marcia Duncan

Library Staff: Tony Jones

Members: Jeanne Morgan

New Lifetime Member: Austin Williams

New Family Membership: Sara Smith

Visitor: Jamie Smith

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from December 4, 2025, meeting were read and approved. 1st. Jeanne Morgan; 2nd. Terri Cummings

Installation of Officers:

President Rieder acknowledged our outgoing board members Kathy Gephart and Lola Hudson for a job well done. President Rieder welcomed Cynthia Dare, Linda Billups and Marcia Duncan, our new board members for the next (2) years. Carol Bryner, Secretary, installed new board members, who took the oath of office and were charged with carrying out the responsibilities of their positions.

Treasurer's Report: Darlene Bates

Receipts	\$75.24
Book Donations	\$50.24
Membership (1 Business)	\$25.00 (United Citizens Bank, Campbellsburg)
Expenditures	\$94.70
Supplies for Winter Blowout	
Marcia Rieder	\$36.96
Marcia Duncan	\$57.74

Treasurer's Report approved by 1st Ruthie Smith; 2nd, Jeanne Morgan

President's Report: Marcia Rieder

Ohio Valley United Charities

The fall golf scramble this year will be at the Sugar Bay Golf Course at Warsaw in Gallatin County. The Breakfast of Champions is scheduled for March 10, 2026. President Rieder invited library staff (possibly the Children's Director) to

attend the breakfast and make a short presentation on how the grant money was spent (Summer Learning Program). Marcia Rieder will attend the OVUC board meeting in March.

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, Director

The adult winter reading program (December 1 – January 31, 2026) is in progress with gift baskets to be given away at the end of January.

The book locker has been installed at Campbellsburg Community Center. The book drop and shelter for the book locker still needs to be installed with a completion date this spring.

Committee Year-End Reports:

- **Friends’ Archives, Publicity and Public Relations – Cynthia Dare:** This committee has been modified and will no longer exist. **Cynthia** will chair the new committee, **Recognition and Public Relations** (See below). **Ruthie Smith** will now be the Friends **Archivist**, embedded within her Vice Presidential office.
- **Financial -- Darlene Bates** reported the bank statement and checkbook balanced. Year-end report was presented with (1) check outstanding. The OVUC grant award check for 2026 was received. **Terri Cummings** will be the chair of the Financial Committee for 2026.
- **Membership – Ruthie Smith**, 2026 chair, reported that the Membership Committee will meet January 15, 2026, to discuss the plans for the March membership drive.
- **Events – Marcia Duncan:** Reported attendance was down at the Winter Blowout in December. Marcia is looking for volunteers to help with the Events Committee. Linda Billups and Mitch Ashby will remain on the committee.
- **Recognition and Public Relations - Cynthia Dare** shared that talking with others about “The Friends” is the best public relations method for communicating our message.

Old Business:

Ruthie Smith reported the Holiday Giving Tree was a success this year. In 2024, we collected 124 hats; in 2025, we collected 281 hats and 60 pairs of gloves. Both the Eminence and Henry County Schools were thrilled to receive.

New Business:

Friends Handbook 2026 – At the beginning of each year, President Rieder prepares a new handbook and reviews it with all Officers and Board members. In the folder is a copy of our By-Laws, Friends Information Guide, Funding Proposal, a list of volunteers from our membership applications, contact information of Officers and BOD, a Logo page, an updated membership application trifold handout and a Year in Review of “what we did in 2025.”

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 website.

<http://henrylibrary.org/friends/>

Adjourned: Marcia called for the meeting to adjourn. 1st, Mitch Ashby; 2nd, Terri Cummings

Carol Bryner, Secretary