



March 5, 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, Sara Smith, Austin Williams

New Lifetime Member: Jamie Smith

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from January 8, 2026, meeting were read and approved. 1st, Ruthie Smith; 2nd, Mitch Ashby

Treasurer's Report: Darlene Bates

	January	February
Receipts	5,148.00	119.35
OVUC 2026 Grant Funds	5,000.00	
Book Donations	18.00	79.35
Donations	30.00	
Memberships	100.00	40.00

	January	February
Expenditures		
Linda Billups		
Envelopes/Postage		185.03

Treasurer's Report approved by 1st Terri Cummings; 2nd Ruthie Smith

President's Report: Marcia Rieder

Ohio Valley United Charities

The Breakfast of Champions sponsored by OVUC will be held March 10, 2026. Terri Cummings and Marcia Rieder will attend. Marcia will make the 2–3-minute presentation on how the grant money was spent.

KY State Friends of the Library: Marcia went to Frankfort with some of the Friends from Trimble County for the Kentucky Library Advocacy Day, February 12, 2026. They met with State Senator Lindsey Tichner for Trimble, Oldham and Jefferson Counties in KY.

Grant Planning Committee met in February. The Save a Date notices were sent for "Meet Friends with Friends." The invitation will be sent March 6, 2026. Work is still in progress for our April meeting, "Meet Friends with Friends."

Library Updates; Tony Jones, Director

Tony thanked the Friends for the gift they gave to staff for "Love Your Library Month."

February is Black History month. There were panels throughout the library recognizing local black Henry Countians.

The library will not hold a Love Local Market in the month of August due to the block party on King Street being held at that time.

The Book Locker in Campbellsburg is up and ready with a few things needing to be completed such as training of staff and wrapping of the book locker.

Committee Year-End Reports:

- **Friends' Archives, Publicity and Public Relations** – Ruthie Smith is needing any pictures of events for the archive book.
- **Financial – Terri Cummings** – is meeting with Holly Wilson from the Henry County Chamber to discuss how Venmo and Square may work for the Friends and if there is an advantage for the Friends to use this type of payment system.
- **Membership – Ruthie Smith**, the 2026 membership applications were mailed to businesses and emailed to previous members with email addresses. We started this year with 36 Lifetime members. The committee revised the procedure of picking up completed membership applications as they arrive at the library. Darlene Bates, Treasurer, will place completed applications in an envelope labeled Membership Committee. Carol Bryner, Secretary, will pick up forms once a week. Carol will then make copies for herself and president Marcia Rieder. She will then give the originals to Membership chair, Ruthie Smith, at the next FHCPL meeting.

Memberships received as of March 5, 2026 are:

Lifetime- Ruthie Smith, Jamie Lynn Smith

Businesses- Nevins Realtors-Rita Nevins

Family – George & Lee Ann Armstrong

Individual – Katie Nevins

- **Events – Marcia Duncan:** is looking for volunteers to help at the Love Local Markets. All markets will set up outside the library. The Friends will set up at Harvest Showcase, the Back-to-School event and Fall Festival.
- **Recognition and Public Relations - Cynthia Dare** Thanks to Marcia Rieder for her help with Love your Library Month and the treats for the library staff. The Local shared the picture of Cynthia and the treats. Cynthia is working on a gift idea for library 19 staff members for National Library Week staff appreciation in April.

Old Business: April 18, 2026 is the “Meet Friends with Friends”

Thanks to Our Best Restaurant for providing lunch for “Meet Friends with Friends” and United Citizens Bank and Trust – Gift Bags donated/Eyelash Sunglasses, Pens

New Business: **McDonald's Burger Bash** is scheduled for April 21, 2026, 5 – 8 pm at the Pendleton location. The Friends will receive 10% of all sales during that period of time. At least (1) member of the Friends must be in attendance at McDonald's during that time period.

Community Yard Sale – Cara Woods is organizing the yard sale for Saturday, May 23, with a rain date of May 30. More information to follow.

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, Marcia Duncan

Carol Bryner, Secretary