



April 4, 2026

Meeting was called to order by Marcia Rieder, President.

In Attendance: Officers: Marcia Rieder, Ruthie Smith

BOD: Cynthia Dare, Mitch Ashby, Linda Billups

Library Staff: Tony Jones

Members: Jeanne Morgan, Austin Williams

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from March 5, 2026, meeting were read and approved. 1st. Ruthie Smith; 2nd. Mitch Ashby

Treasurer's Report: Marcia Rieder presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Darlene Bates, Treasurer.

	March	
Receipts	934.80	
Book Donations	54.80	
Donations	250.00	
Memberships	630.00	
	March	
Expenditures	184.97	
Marcia Rieder	43.99	(Library Staff for "Love Your Library" Month)
Marcia Rieder	140.98	(New Members Incentive Pack)

Treasurer's Report approved by 1st. Jeanne Morgan; 2nd, Linda Billups

President's Report: Marcia Rieder

Marcia reported that Austin Williams, an active member, was scheduled to have his Friends' t-shirt completed this week. Chesi Woods, a new member, donated 6 boxes of books to the Friends.

Ohio Valley United Charities

Marcia Rieder modeled her Friends' t-shirts she made for the "Meet Friends with Friends" meeting when she made a brief presentation at the Breakfast of Champions awards ceremony. Terri Cummings also attended the breakfast that was sponsored by OVUC, March 10, 2026. The OVUC Golf Scramble, originally scheduled to take place at the Henry County Golf Club, has been placed on hold due to the rising cost of hosting the event at that location and the shortage of golf carts. Organizers are currently exploring alternative courses in order to proceed with the Scramble at a more feasible venue. The OVUC grant application for 2027 is due out mid-April. Applications are due back to OVUC on or before May 29, 2026. Cyber Security training has been rescheduled for the fall with the addition of parent on-line access.

KY State Friends of the Library President Rieder recommended the FHCPL pass on the newly offered \$500 grant from the Friends of Kentucky Libraries to give other Friends' groups the opportunity since we have had 2 of their grants. Seven counties have registered for the "Meet Friends with Friends" event, including bookstore managers, library staff, active members, officers and board members and members of Friends of Kentucky Libraries.

Library Updates: Tony Jones, Director

The Director introduced Suzanne Banta's funding proposal outlining the use of the \$5000 grant from OVUC for the 2026 Summer Learning Program. The funds are designated for specific purposes, including \$2000 for the purchase of new paperback books to be used as prizes, \$2000 for special programs such as Kentucky Shakespeare, Animal Tales and storyteller Paul Strickland and \$1000 for supplies to support S.T.E.A.M. programs, take-and-make kits and learning depot activities. Board members approved the proposal to release the \$5000 grant funds to the library for their SLP. A second funding proposal from Suzanne Banta was received on March 28, 2026, and sent to the FHCPL board members to review. The proposal was for \$1500 for books to be given out at the summer lunch program. After a timely discussion at the meeting, the board voted not to approve this proposal. Motion was made by Cynthia Dare and seconded by Ruthie Smith not to approve the request for \$1500. The motion was approved by the membership.

Committee Reports:

- **Financial – Terri Cummings** – In Terri's absence, Marcia reported that Terri was researching Venmo with the Chamber of Commerce.
- **Membership – Ruthie Smith** reported she received 18 new member applications.
Memberships received as of April 2, 2026 are:
Lifetime- Robert H. Foree Law Office
Businesses- 4 Seasons Inc. – The Berry Center – Beckley Funeral Home – Clark Equipment - Henry County Supply – Liter's Inc. – Lucas Monument Inc. – B. Morris Insurance
Family – Mitch & Joanne Ashby – Darryl & Mary Dickerson – Tom & Alice Newman – Wayne Onkst –
Individual – Genie Fortunato -Kathy Hofmeyer – John Kelly – Irene Smith
- **Events – Marcia Duncan:** In Marcia's absence, the president reported that Marcia was gathering information on Love Local events and the Community Yard Sale.
- **Recognition and Public Relations - Cynthia Dare:** Thanks to Holly Wilson for her Kentucky Renaissance Fair ticket donation to the Friends which will be given to the library staff during National Library Week. Thank You notes will be sent to the following: **Our Best Restaurant, McDonald's, United Citizens Bank and Kentucky Renaissance Fair, Holly Wilson** for their donations to the Friends of the Henry County Public Library.

Old Business:

April 18th is the "**Meet Friends with Friends**" event. Marcia handed out and reviewed the assignment sheet. **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. Volunteers needed.
National Library Week, April 19 – 26. Cynthia Dare and Austin Williams will set up at the library Wednesday and Thursday to pass out membership and library services information as well as provide the Director with the Renaissance passes to give to his staff.
Ladies Luncheon is May 3, 2026. Reservations are required. Marcia Rieder and Carol Bryner have registered.

New Business:

Community Yard Sale – Cara Woods is organizing the yard sale for Saturday, May 23, with a rain date of May 30. Registration is required.

Announcements: A calendar of library activities may be picked up at the library front desk.

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

In the absent of Secretary Carol Bryner, Cynthia Dare took and prepared the minutes