



May 7, 2026

Meeting was called to order by Marcia Rieder, President.

President Rieder opened our meeting with a recording of a song, "The Heart of Eminence," written by Wm. Miller of the Trimble County Library Friends group after he attended the meeting, "Meet Friends with Friends." It was his way of saying thank you for a successful meeting.

In Attendance: Officers: Marcia Rieder, Ruthie Smith, Carol Bryner, Darlene Bates
BOD: Cynthia Dare, Terri Cummings
Library Staff: Tony Jones
Members: Kathy Gephart, Austin Williams

Approval of Minutes: April 4, 2026, Minutes were read and approved by 1st, Ruthie Smith; 2nd, Darlene Bates.

Treasurer's Report: Darlene Bates presented the following report for April.

Receipts

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| Book Donations | 26.50 |
| Donations | 30.00 |
| Memberships | 85.00 |
| Burger Bash | 258.48 |

Total Receipts **\$399.98**

Expenditures

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| <u>Friends of Kentucky Libraries, Inc. Membership</u> | <u>25.00</u> |
| Henry Co Chamber of Commerce Membership | 60.00 |
| Marcia Rieder – supplies | 229.61 |
| HCPL -OVUC grant | 5000.00 |
| Our Best Restaurant Dessert for Meet Friends with Friends - event | 80.00 |

Total Expenditures **\$5,394.51**

Cynthia Dare made the motion to give Marcia Duncan \$50. cash as petty cash to use during the events this year. Ruthie Smith, 2nd. All present approved.

Treasurer's Report approved by 1st, Ruthie Smith; 2nd, Austin Williams

President's Report: Marcia Rieder

Ohio Valley United Charities: President Rieder is waiting for the library to finish their part in completing the OVUC grant due May 29, 2026, so that Marcia can continue to write the grant and submit. As part of the OVUC grant application, two volunteer names are required to serve as contact persons in the event additional volunteer assistance is requested by OVUC. Three names are being submitted: President Marcia Rieder, Linda Billups and Terri Cummings will be added to the OVUC volunteers list for the 2027 grant year.

KY State Friends of the Library: Carol Bryner, Secretary, sent to all officers and board member a copy of the monthly newsletter. The yearly KY State Friends meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2026, in Casey County. More information will be coming. President Marcia Rieder has been asked by the KY State Friends to join the state board. Marcia declined the offer.

Library Updates: Tony Jones, Director

Love Local Markets start May 8, 2026. The library staff is getting ready for the summer programming. The library is closing May 15, 2026 half a day as the staff training for the summer programming. The Summer Calendar may be picked up at the front desk. The storage shed outback is being organized with new shelving and tubs inside. The Friends will have a marked space to use.

Committee Reports:

- **Financial – Terri Cummings** said as we are a nonprofit we are allowed to sell items without paying sale tax. Terri is still getting information about Venmo.
- **Membership – Ruthie Smith** reported she received 9 new member applications.
Memberships received as of May 7, 2026 are:
Lifetime-
Businesses- D & R Farm of Ky. – M & K Construction & Rem. Inc – KMRT Enterprises, LLC
Family – Nadine & Larry Cox – Cynthia & Dottie Dare – Chesi Woods
Individual – Darlene Bates – Marian Call – Tim Ricketts
- **Events – Marcia Duncan** “Meet Friends with Friends” This was a lot of work for all but it was a successful day with a great deal of information and everyone had an enjoyable day. In Marcia’s absence, President Rieder gave out a new volunteer list and a new contact information list to all in attendance. Love Local Market is scheduled for May 8, 2026, and the Community Yard Sale is Saturday, May, 23, 2026. Marcia Duncan will provide more information.
- **Recognition and Public Relations - Cynthia Dare** Thanks to Holly Wilson for the Kentucky Renaissance Fair ticket donation to the Friends which were then given to the library staff during National Library Week. Cynthia Dare and Austin Williams set up a table at the front of the library welcoming visitors to the library on Wednesday and Thursday, the 22nd & 23rd of April, giving out information regarding The Friends.
- **Old Business:**
April 18th was the “Meet Friends with Friends” event with Oldham, Trimble, Franklin, Kenton and Henry County Friends in attendance. This was a very successful event for all. Everyone went home with a lot of new ideas for their Friends groups.
McDonald’s Burger Bash i April 21, 2026, 5 – 8 pm at the Pendleton location. Each hour we were to have someone from the Friends in attendance. Once we all got there we all just stayed and had a fun evening. We made \$258.48.
National Library Week, April 19 – 26. Cynthia Dare and Austin Williams set up at the library Wednesday and Thursday and passed out membership and library services information as well as provide the Director (Tony Jones) with the Renaissance passes to give to his staff.
Ladies Luncheon is May 3, 2026. Marcia Rieder and Carol Bryner attended the Ladies Luncheon, another great a Event, and donated 120 bookmarks, free book coupons and information about the Friends.

Community Yard Sale – Saturday, May 23, with a rain date of May 30. Registration is required.

New Business:

The **Friends of the Henry County Public Library** is pleased to announce the launch of its new webpage. The web page is administered and maintained by Marcia Rieder and Carol Bryner. We also are working on setting up for Zoom meetings.

Announcements: Darlene Bates submitted her letter of resignation as of May 31, 2026. Terri Cummings will take over the remainder of the position through December 2026. Ruthie Smith made the motion for Terri Cummings to become interim treasurer for the remainder of Darlene's term. Austin Williams, 2nd. All in attendance approved.

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

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

Carol Bryner, Secretary