

**Friends of the MCLS  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday July 10, 2024**

**Present:**

Sally Banfield, President

Karla Frye, Secretary

Joyce Patton, New Concord Rep

Laura Natalie, At Large

Sean Fennell, Marketing/Community

Beverly Bell, Vice President

Sue Danhauer, Treasurer

Joanne Brown, Nominating Committee

John Furek, At Large

**Absent:** Janet James, South Rep

Stacey Russell, Executive Director, MCLS

**Call to Order:**

President Sally Banfield called the meeting to order at 4:00. The minutes of the June 12, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Laura Natalie made a motion to accept the minutes. Beverly Bell seconded, and the motion passed. The minutes will be posted on the MCLS homepage under the Friends link.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Sue Danhauer reported a June ending balance of \$16,607.89. Beginning balance was \$15,256.61. Deposits for the month totaled 1,701.28, with expenses of 350.00 for refreshments for the June 1<sup>st</sup> literacy event.

**Library Updates:**

- Sean Fennell gave an update on the planned library renovation. The library board has allocated \$6 million toward the project. The Straker, Rogge, and Muskingum County Community Foundations all have pledged support. Community fundraising will begin in August. Community members will be able to donate online through the Muskingum County Community Foundation website.

**Branch Reports:**

- Joyce Patton, New Concord rep reported that they are gearing up for their Book and Bake sale on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. They have many more events planned.
- Roseville Rep, Beverly Bell reported that are participating in the Roseville Farmers Market.

- Janet James, South Rep, reported that Friends helped with Summer Reading and were meeting next week on Thursday.

**Committee Updates:**

- Nominating: the committee is still seeking a new treasurer. Joanne continues to work diligently on this.
- Bookstore: Plans continue to close the bookstore and have a final \$2 a bag sale before the library closes for renovation. It was agreed that the last day for the bookstore to open will be August 17. Volunteers will clear the shelves between that time and set up for the sale on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, with the sale on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Ideas were discussed for how to keep volunteers engaged during the library closure.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13.

**The next meeting is Wednesday August 14, 2025 at 4:00 PM in the Board Room.**