

**Friends of the MCLS
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

Present:

Sally Banfield, President	Joyce Patton, New Concord Rep
Karla Frye, Secretary	Sue Danhauer, Treasurer
Janet James, South Rep	John Furek, At Large
Laura Natalie, At Large	Sean Fennell, Marketing/Community, MCLS
Terri Taylor, Duncan Falls rep	Stacey Russell, Executive Director, MCLS

Absent: Beverly Bell, Vice President, Joanne Brown, Nominating Committee

Call to Order:

President Sally Banfield called the meeting to order at 4:01. The minutes of October 9, 2024, were reviewed. Laura Natalie made a motion to accept the minutes. Sue Danhauer 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 an October beginning balance of \$19,578.37. The ending balance was \$21,276.17. Deposits for the month totaled \$1697.80, with no expenses. Sue noted that our "Clear the Lobby" sale made \$727.52, a good amount for a one-day, donation-only sale.

Library Updates:

- Stacey Russell reported that the Mini Mac library is open. There was only a 5% drop in library use compared to the last Monday that the library was open previous to that. She noted that staff worked long hours for a week to get the space ready.
- Stacey reported three staffing changes. Suzanne Helms is the new Materials Manager and Heather Phillips has been promoted to Adult Services Manager. Scott Horst is retiring at the end of December after being with the library for 37 years.

Branch Reports:

- Joyce Patton, New Concord rep. noted that the New Concord branch will have a holiday open house on December 2nd at 5:00 PM, in conjunction with the village parade.
- Sally Banfield reported for Roseville Rep, Beverly Bell. Their open house will be December 5th from 5:00 to 6:30. Thirty-one people attended their harvest party. They had 16 vendors and 76 attendees at their bazaar. Thirteen

people attended the Friends October meeting, which is a high number for them.

- Janet James, South Rep, reported that the South branch will have a holiday open house on December 9th.
- Terri Taylor, Duncan Falls rep stated that very few people attended their harvest party. They did not meet in October. Their open house will be December 12th.

Committee Updates:

- Bookstore: The Clear the Lobby sale was a success. Outreach shelves have been placed in visible and accessible spots at Weasel Boy and Taste of Ohio. There also is a shelf at the mall, which is accessible on Thursday afternoons when that location is open.
- Sally Banfield, John Furek, and Joanne Brown will form a committee to plan for the library and bookstore re-opening. They would like to add a fourth person.
- Nominating: John Furek will be bookstore chair.
- Membership: membership numbers have not changed. Sue Danhauer is drafting a letter to email or send through US mail (for those without email addresses) to encourage them to pay dues for the upcoming year. Sally suggested that she add information about donating to the library remodel. It was decided to put this both in the dues letter and in the annual report.
- Program and Funding: Sally will check with Weasel Boy about a Books & Brews event in the spring and possibly also in October.
- Staff Appreciation: The Friends donated \$600 toward the staff appreciation breakfast.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50.

The next meeting is December 11th at 4:00 with the annual meeting to follow at 4:30. Both will be in the library board room.