

**April Board Meeting  
Wednesday, April 9, 2025  
Friends of the MCLS**

**Present:**

Sally Banfield, President	Beverly Bell, Vice President
Karla Frye, Secretary	Sue Danhauer, Treasurer
Janet James, South Rep	John Furek, At Large
Laura Natalie, At Large	Sean Fennell, Marketing/Community
Terri Taylor Duncan Falls Rep	Joyce Patton, New Concord Rep
Joanne Brown, Nominating	

**Absent:**

**Call to Order:** President Sally Banfield called the meeting to order at 4:00.

**Minutes:** The February 2025 minutes were approved by email, and the group did not meet in March 2025. The February minutes will be posted on the MCLS homepage under the Friends link.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Laura Natalie reported a beginning February balance of \$21,402.79. deposits totaled \$375.54, and expenses were \$500. This resulted in a February ending balance and March beginning balance of \$21, 278.33. March ending balance was 20,795.37.

Laura reported that we now have a debit card. Discussion ensued concerning selling additional, book related items when the bookstore reopens. No decisions were made.

**Library Updates:**

- Sean Fennell reported 87 volunteer hours for February and 122 for March, with a total of 284.5 hours for the year so far.
- The library remodel continues. The board approved a \$120,236 change order to address structural issues that were found in the Carnegie wing as well as some other adjustments throughout the building.
- Changes in state funding were discussed. The current proposal by the legislature would change the amount of funding the library receives every two years.
- The summer reading program will encourage participants to visit sites around the county.
- It was proposed that outreach shelves and branch libraries be on this list for the summer reading coupons. John Furek made the motion and Sue Danhauer seconded it and the motion was approved.

**Branch Reports:**

- Joyce Patton, New Concord rep reported that their book sale on Friday 3/14 and Saturday 3/15 made \$600. The Pancakes and Paperbacks breakfast on 4/5 took in \$64 from books and \$340 from pancakes. They received a donation of grade level books which they will use for a homeschooling event at the library. They ordered shelves for their storage unit, and will set up at the unit for a sale during the Rt 40 Yard Sale in May.
- Beverly Bell, Roseville rep said they plan a spring bazaar on 4/12. Their farmers market starts May 6.
- Janet James, South Rep said they will have a pancake breakfast on 4/19 at the Fultonham Lodge.

- Terri Taylor, Duncan Falls reported that they did not meet in February, but did meet in March. They will have a Spring Fest on 4/18 and kick off summer reading on 6/4. They are looking for someone who will teach beginning yoga for teens.

#### **Committee Updates:.**

- **Bookstore:** The Outreach shelves continue to be available, and books are being taken. They made \$91.61 in March. Young adult books were added at the Downtown Exchange and Mall sites. A bookstore committee will review square footage and plans for the new space. Committee members so far are Joanne Brown, John Furek, Laura Natalie and Sally Banfield.
- **Membership:** As of 3/31/25 we have 194 memberships of various kinds.
- **Nominating:** Joanne Brown continues to work on this.
- **Program and Funding:** Books and Brews was a success! We had about 60 attendees and after expenses made \$713.02. Raffle winners were:
  - § Teresa Darner – garden basket
  - § Misty Johnson – L’Oreal
  - § Beverly Bell – Lowe’s Bargain Barn
  - § Laura Natalie - Muskingum Family Y
  - § Melania Faris – Scentsy and book
  - § Teresa Darner – Applebee’s
  - § Sean Fennell – Green Shades garden center
  - § Lisa Jackson – Coffee and Crimes basket
  - § Dennis Dunlap – Eaglesticks
  - § Beverly Bell – Red Lobster
  - § Anne Blood – handcrafted charcuterie board
  - § Diane Dietrick – Olive Garden
  - § Joanne Brown – Garnier gift basket
  - § Beverly Bell – Texas Roadhouse
  - § Shirella Walls – large Scentsy basket
  - § Melissa Luckhaupt – Weasel Boy sign
  - § Johanna Allison – Pasture Raised Posies
- Additional trivia events were discussed. Karla Frye will talk to Jay and Lori at Weasel Boy.
- **Publicity/PR:** Beverly Bell appeared on Live At Noon on 3/3 to talk about Books and Brews at Weasel Boy on 3/12.
- **Staff Appreciation:** This is set for 12/4/25.
- **PAC:** nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 5:13

**The next meeting is May 14, 2025 at Duncan Falls..**