

Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2025 Duncan Falls Branch Library

Present:

Sally Banfield, President
Sue Danhauer, Membership
Karla Frye, Secretary

Janet James, South Rep
Laura Natalie, Treasurer
John Furek, At Large

Beverly Bell, Vice President
Terri Taylor, Duncan FallsRep
Stacey Russell, MCLS

Absent: Joyce Patton, New Concord Rep Joanne Brown, Nominating

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

Approval of Minutes: Beverly Bell made a motion to approve the minutes with no additions or corrections. Sue Danhauer seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Laura Natalie reported a beginning balance of \$11,108.84. Income included donation boxes: \$114.80, and June rent for Dresden parking lot: \$100, and interest: .89. Expenses were \$600 paid to Dresden Friends, with an ending balance of \$10,724.53. A Dresden Friends bank account was established. Dresden Friends president is Katrina Hohman

A Credit Card Terminal discussion ensued. Park National Bank's proposal is \$15/month terminal rental, with fees of 2.6% + \$0.10/transaction.

Questions to be answered: Accepts debit and credit cards? Accepts Visa/MasterCard gift cards? Accepts Job & Family Services cards? Laura Natalie made a motion to revisit this in October, with John Furek seconding. Motion passed to revisit discussion in October

Library Update: Stacey Russell reported that there were 76 volunteer hours in June and 532 year to date. All branches met summer reading goals. The literacy event at the mall drew approx. 2,300 attendees.

Remodel progress: John McIntyre expected to reopen April/May 2026, with staff to move into the mezzanine in December. The Mini Mac closure is expected to be about 6 weeks.

Branch Reports:

New Concord: Book sales on July 12, July 31–August 2

Roseville: Pirate program (Oct 6), Farmers Market until Sept 30, Oktoberfest (Oct 11), Ohio Barns talk (Oct 16), Craft Bazaar (Oct 4)

South Zanesville: Book sale Aug 5–7 (mystery bag sale)

Dresden: New treasury, weekly Farmers Market, Friends logo/bylaws received

Committee Updates:

Outreach: Donations in June totaled \$53.70 (best location: Weasel Boy).

Membership: Current Friends membership 303 (95 lifetime members.)

Program/Funding:

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser: Beverly Bell reported that we collected \$40 in donation jar. The percentage of sales is pending. Beverly expressed concerns over communication with the event coordinator. It was agreed that we will wait for final results before deciding if we should make it an annual event.

Trivia Night Planning: This will be September 11, 6–8 PM at Weasel Boy. There will not be an entry fee. Lori Wince is donating a gift certificate for Weasel Boy. Sean will create promotional signage.

Facebook Page Proposal: John Furek made a motion to approve the creation of a Friends of MCLS Library Facebook page. Karla Frye and Sue Danhauer will serve as administrators. Goals: Promote events, post updates, allow branch content submission, enhance engagement.

Legislative & Financial Concerns: Stacey Russell updated us. The budget cut is about \$150,000 this year, with more expected next year. There is the potential to override the governor's veto that could require restricting access to books on gender/sexuality for under-18s. Definitions of what would need to be restricted are vague, with our library possibly having to restrict as many as 160,000 items.

Staff Appreciation: To be held in December (details TBD)

PAC: Sally reported that Campaign Finance Forms for first half of the year were filed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06. Next meeting is Wednesday August 13, 2025 at 4:00PM at the Duncan Falls Branch.

11. Action Items

1. Laura to contact Texas Roadhouse for final fundraiser amount
2. Sue to send contact info to Dresden Friends
3. Karla & Sue to launch and manage Facebook page
4. Laura to verify which cards are accepted by the terminal
5. Revisit credit card terminal decision in October