

Friends of the Muskingum County Library

December 10, 2025

Present: Sally Banfield, President; Bev Bell, Vice President; Karla Frye, Secretary; Laura Natalie, Treasurer; Sue Danhauer, At Large, Membership & Events; Joanne Brown, Nominating; Janet James, South Rep; Terri Taylor, Duncan Falls Rep; John Furek, At Large; Sean Fennell, MCLS Rep

Absent: Joyce Patton, New Concord Rep

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the President at **3:59 PM**.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with a correction to the spelling of **Lindsay Rayner's** name. The motion was made by John Furek: seconded by Janet James. **Vote:** Approved

Treasurer's Report

- Beginning balance (end of October): **\$11,312.80**
- Deposit from outreach bookshelves: **\$163.94**
- Interest earned: **\$0.80**
- Expenses included a check written for the staff appreciation breakfast
- **Ending balance: \$10,877.54**
- The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Volunteer Hour

- **66.5 hours** reported for the month
- **Total volunteer hours to date: 1,106.75**

Staff Appreciation Breakfast

- Held at **Grace United Methodist Church**
- Six of seven Board of Trustees members attended
- Staff recognition and customer service awards were presented:
 - **Monica Quinn** – Public Service Staff Award
 - **Jackie Beardsley** – Support Service Staff Award

Staff Updates

- **Carla Roberts**, Tech Services Manager – retiring December 31
- **Dylan Banta**, IT Support – departing December 31
- **Sarah Brinkman**, Outreach – departing December 31
- **Jackie Beardsley**, Deputy Fiscal Officer – retiring end of January
- Library received an **\$8,000 grant** from the State Library of Ohio

Branch Reports

- **New Concord:**
 - 381 attendees at December 1 open house
 - Ran out of hot chocolate and cookies
- **Duncan Falls:**
 - Open house scheduled for December 19
 - Planning raffle with family-themed baskets
- **South Branch:**
 - “Breakfast with the Grinch” had **44 attendees**
 - Open house scheduled for December 17
- **Dresden & Roseville:** No reports

Outreach Shelves Donations

- October donations: **\$54.74**
- Total collected April–November: **\$403.3**

Bookstore Committee Report

- Current pricing and hours will remain the same
- Volunteer training to occur closer to library reopening
- Donation and sorting guidelines unchanged
- Volunteer policies reaffirmed:
 - Training required
 - New volunteers work with another volunteer
 - Children may volunteer only with a parent

Membership Report

- **216 members** as of December 8
- Dresden gained **8 new members** during book sale
- South gained **1 new member** at Grinch breakfast

Programs & Events

- **Books and Bourbon:** January 23 at *A Taste of Ohio*
 - Friends will sell used books and host a giveaway basket

Future Meetings

- Meetings will continue on the **second Wednesday of the month**
- Location remains **Duncan Falls Branch**

Facebook Engagement Discussion: Ideas discussed to increase followers included:

- Members sharing posts to personal pages
- Posting signs in local campus areas

- Reaching out to campus coordinators
- Offering incentives (e.g., gift basket) to reach 500 followers

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately **4:16 PM**.