

## **Friends of the Muskingum County Library**

### **May 13, 2026**

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

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President John Furek at 4:33 PM.

**Minutes:** A motion made by Janet James and seconded by Sally Banfield to approve the April minutes.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- April ending balance: \$12,670.65 - Current balance: \$4,309.30 - Major expenses included: \$8,000 check to library for summer reading program, \$150 for cash store, \$54.99 for 990 taxes, \$225 for Weasel Boy - Interest earned: \$0.44

#### **Library Update:**

- New bookshelf options found for wall outside bookstore (maple material) - Shelves will not cover windows or thermostats - Dimensions and details to be provided later
- Volunteer hours for May: 201.25 hours - Total volunteer hours to date: 508.75 hours

#### **Branch Reports**

- New Concord-- Storage unit completely full - Lock broken since October, new locks being installed for three units - Friends paid for three programs: Dino program, Foxes program, and summer kickoff program - Heritage Days planned for July 11 (replacing Firemans' Festival) - Big book sale planned for July 30-31 and August 1 during library hours -Previous April sale made over \$600 - Working with fire and police departments on bicycle rodeo - 9-year-old local presenter on bugs/insects very successful with 70+attendees - Little kids programming going well, circulation numbers very high
- South - Pancake breakfast held with low attendance but generous donations - Raised \$80 and gave away many books - Purchasing flowers for outdoor planters - Meeting next week to offer help for summer reading kickoff
- Roseville-- Farmers market started May 5 with 6 vendors and 40 guests - Second week down to 3 vendors due to Health Department visit and requirements - Health Department checking credentials, inspecting products - Farmers market

continues every Tuesday 3-6 PM - Next meeting May 20 - Summer kickoff June 1  
- Currently 40 members

- Duncan Falls - No meeting held because coordinator unavailable - Checked with library about spring festival (April 24) - help not needed - Planning meeting for June 3 to discuss summer kickoff on June 5 - Will contact new/returning member about attending meeting
- Dresden - - Book sale held few weeks ago, made over \$400 - Upper floor being renovated, required clearing storage and prompted book sale - Starting farmers market on first and third Tuesdays beginning in June - Previously held Mondays, moving to Tuesdays to coordinate with restaurant being open

### **Committee Updates:**

#### **Outreach Shelves**

- April income: \$76.11 - Total outreach income to date: \$729.37 - All three remaining locations (after mall withdrawal) agreed to continue -
- Karla and Mark to alternate with Rich and Sally for book selection and rotation -
- Plan to change out approximately 50% of books every two weeks - Discussion about signage indicating regular book rotation

#### **Bookstore Committee**

- Library currently not accepting donations but people continue to bring books - Discussion about creating designated donation area outside bookstore for future -- Plan to resume accepting donations in June - Need to communicate restrictions (no textbooks)
- Request for custodial staff to empty Goodwill and trash bins on Wednesday evenings - Bins would be placed at front door when full - Custodial crew would empty and return by Saturday opening - If bins not at door, custodians would skip that week- Emergency requests can be submitted if bins fill before Wednesday
- Better World Books service mentioned as alternative to Goodwill for post-sorting disposal (requires pallets and specific procedures)
- Discussion about need for petty cash/operating funds for bookstore supplies -Original motion: \$100 annually for bookstore committee expenses without board approval - Motion amended to \$150 annually to cover \$59.15 reimbursement for supplies purchased - All purchases must be documented with receipts -Additional needs beyond \$150 will require board approval - Motion made by Sally Banfield, second by Bev Bell-Motion passed unanimously
- First day (Friday) was very busy - Filled out four pages of forms - Handed out 100 certificates (could have done double) - 55 certificates turned in - Eventually gave everyone free book - Collected \$215 first day - Items sold:

54 hardbacks, 43 paperbacks, 32 children's books, 9 adult graphics, 10 DVDs, 7 audio books, 34 CDs, 20 magazines, plus miscellaneous games - Gave away 232 books total

- Special sale proposed: two \$2 items for \$2.50 (instead of \$4) - Sale period: June 1 through July 4 - In honor of America's 250th anniversary - Applies to graphic novels and hardbacks (current \$2 items)- Sally Banfield made the motion, Laura Natalie seconded-Motion passed unanimously
- Currently have 12 trained volunteers - Training session scheduled for May 28 (Thursday) at 10:30 AM, takes about one hour - Alternative training times available by request - Current bookstore hours: Tuesdays 4-6 PM, Wednesdays 11 AM-1 PM, Saturdays 10:30 AM-12:30 PM - Need more volunteers to expand hours, particularly for 5:30-7:30 PM shifts- Volunteers can also help anytime library is open for sorting and shelving books - Some volunteers prefer sorting/condition checking over public interaction

### **Membership**

- 155 members as of April 2026

### **Program/Funding**

- Texas Roadhouse fundraiser scheduled for July 8 (Wednesday) from 3-10 PM - - Volunteer shifts needed: 3-5:30 PM (2 volunteers) and 5:30-7:30 PM (2 volunteers) - Volunteers secured: Joyce and Joanne (3-5:30), Janet and Laura (5:30-7:30), Sue and Joyce (closing shift)

### **Facebook Page**

- As of May 10: 427 followers (up 16% from previous 28 days) - Engagement up 346% - Overall views up 273% - Content performance: 928 views of pictures, 17 views of text posts - Recent picture received significant engagement
- Suggestion to offer bookstore coupons for two free kids books to children completing reading goals - Would bring parents into bookstore and increase visibility sufficient children's book inventory available

Meeting adjourned at 5:33

**Next meeting is Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 4:30**

**Meeting location: John McIntire Library**