

Friends of the Muskingum County Library

August 12, 2026

Present: John Furek, President; Bev Bell, Vice President; Karla Frye, Secretary; Laura Natalie, Treasurer; Janet James, South Rep; Joanne Brown, Nominating; Joyce Patton, New Concord Rep; Rob Cook, MCLS

Absent: Katrina Homan, Dresden Rep; Sue Danhauer, At Large, Membership & Events; Terri Taylor, Duncan Falls Rep; Lindsay Rayner, At Large; Sally Banfield, Past President

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President John Furek at 4:30 PM.

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to approve the June minutes.

Treasurer's Report: June beginning balance: \$5219.71, with a June ending balance of \$5,698.27. July deposits totaled \$4,035.55 (bookstore \$705.55, outreach \$32.55, membership \$45, and coupons \$30.) Sales tax payment of \$87.81 made for May through June. The August 1st balance is \$6,393.61. Over 1,900 items have been sold since the May 1st opening. The treasurer's report will be filed for auditing.

Library Update:

- Volunteer hours were almost 145 for June, nearing 300 for July, over 1,400 total for 2026.
- The summer reading program was greatly successful, surpassing the goal by almost a million minutes. The goal this year was changed from books read to minutes read. Active participant percentage increased significantly this year.
- Facilities have been notified about Wednesday night bins for bookstore donations. Bins will be placed outside the door instead of inside for weekly emptying.
- All event design requirements and requests should go through Sean.

Branch Reports

New Concord:

- The book sale generated over \$700 in revenue. Sale by donation format worked well for college students and teachers.
- The Friends purchased a popcorn machine for the New Concord library.
- The zoo program with five animals was successful, upcoming programs include a fox program September 12, candle program October 21, and crochet for beginners.

South:

- The friends group helped with summer reading wrap-up and provided books to little free libraries in South Zanesville and Fultonham with special friend stickers.
- The friends purchased a badge maker machine for the South branch.
- They will sponsor a lunch and learn in September.
- Gained one new member, bringing the total to 18 member

Duncan Falls:

- Have not met.

Roseville:

- Their next meeting is scheduled for August 19.
- Farmers market ongoing with approximately 6 vendors and 50 guests weekly
- Star Spangled Banner program planned for September 26 at area parks.
- A major event, "Barnyard Bash" is scheduled for October 17, 11am-4pm at Roseville Community Park.

Dresden:

- Farmers market is ongoing with 5-6 vendors.
- A book sale planned for October. The main bookstore may provide books for the Dresden sale.
- The Dresden Buzz interested in interviewing about the Friends of the Library. Katrina is hesitant about the interview, they are working on alternative approaches,

Committee Updates:

Outreach Shelves: June donations were \$32.55, and July donations \$45.93. August total was \$27. The total since April (two years ago): \$892.51. It was proposed that mid month changes to books involve rotating 10-15 books between locations instead of all new books. We will cycle books through locations rather than bringing all new inventory each time.

Bookstore Committee: New signage was requested, showing bookstore hours. The September volunteer calendar is posted and Thursday hours (3-5pm) are being added starting in September.

Membership: Current membership: 12 family, 72 individual, 83 lifetime, 2 patron, 0 student.

Program/Funding: The Texas Roadhouse fundraiser raised around \$400. It also was an opportunity for volunteers to greet guests and explain the Friends mission.

Facebook Page: The Facebook page has 477 followers, and 191 posts. The sign-up calendar for the bookstore is being photographed and sent to Sue bi-weekly for Facebook posting.

Other Business: The Reading Festival is scheduled for September 26 at the mall, from 10am-2pm. Two tables and four chairs have been requested for our Friends table. Books will be available for a donation

Meeting adjourned at 5:20

Next meeting is Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Meeting location: John McIntire Library Board Room