

**DRAFT 1**  
**FRIENDS OF EPLS KEYSTONE**  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 20, 2025, 6:30 p.m.  
EPLS Keystone Branch

Members Present

Sherry Marang, Kevin Collins, Wendi Zwaduk, Paula Pietch, Kathy Burrer, Debby Krejsa, Mary Karleskint, Peg Yunker, Iris Tewksbury, Cindy Klinect, Marianne Sommerfelt, Marcia DeJonge, Sue Lewis, Carrie Tilley.

**I. TO ORDER**

Wendi Zwaduk, President, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2025, Meeting**

Marianne Sommerfelt made a motion to approve the 2/20/25 minutes. Kathy Burrer seconded the motion. Vote on the Motion: Unanimous Approval.

**III. REPORTS**

**A. President Report – Wendi Zwaduk**

Wendi Zwaduk reported that she removed the lights from the outside tree.

**B. Vice President/Membership Report – Kathy Burrer**

Kathy Burrer reported that 32 yearly members have paid for this year.

- Three former members have yet to join.
- Five Corporate members have joined and one is pending. New members include The Bulldog Pub & Grille and Café LaGrange (formerly Michelle's Café).
- There are 18 Life members.
- Total members as of 3/20/25 is 55.

**C. Treasurer Report – Marcia DeJonge**

Marcia DeJonge presented the Treasurer's report: The beginning balance was \$12,718.00. Deposits included a \$30 donation in memory of Ray Dill, a \$100 donation from Burnett's, a \$15 miscellaneous donation, and \$600 in membership dues for total deposits of \$745.

Expenses included \$33.02 to Kathy Burrer for postage and \$2,000 to the EPLS Summer Reading Program. Total expenses were \$2,033.02, for an ending balance of \$11,429.98.

Marcia reported that a CD will mature on 4/15/25. Discussion followed regarding whether to keep the CD with Huntington or switch to Buckeye or another bank. Terms and rates were discussed. .

Mary Karleskint made a motion to switch the CD to Buckeye for a term of 7 months at 3.75%. Debby Krejsa seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Unanimous Approval.

**D. Sunshine Committee Report –Mary Karleskint**

Mary reported that we now have \$118.81 in the Sunshine Fund thanks to a donation that was made this past Monday by one of our Friends. Mary sent a get-well card to Sylvia Hack last month. Sylvia finished her rehabilitation and is at home in the care of her sister. Earlier this month, Pauline Chaffins fell and broke her hip. Linda Chapin had the address of where Pauline was receiving

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rehabilitation, so she mailed out a get-well card to her from the Friends. Pauline is now being taken care of by her daughter. Mary was informed on March 17, 2025, that Patti Baker was in the hospital having a follow-up surgery. Mary sent a get-well card from the Friends to Patti as well. The book/bookplate in memory of our dear Lifetime Friend Ray Dill is being processed by EPLS at this time.

E. EPLS Director Report –Carrie Tilley

Carrie reported that all counts in person have been down across the district, but e-usage is up. The person count for the Keystone branch, however, is up from this time last year. She attributes some of this to their new Children’s Librarian and increased kids’ program participation.

National Library Week is April 7-13, which they will celebrate with a Book Dragon Party on 4/10.

The West River Branch is getting a new story time room as a result of a donor gift.

The Summer Reading Program Newsletter is in the works, with the program running from May 27 through July 31.

The Seed Library is now ready for use.

Carrie also reported that the library is going to purchase copies of the LaGrange book, which Wendi Zwaduk authored, and which Friends of EPLS Keystone could fund for them. It has already been communicated to Carrie that Keystone Elementary will be using the book in their third grade curriculum.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Book Collection and Sorting

Book sorting will continue on the first and third Mondays. There is a fifth Monday in March, and discussion followed regarding whether or not to have an extra sorting day. The decision was made to not add an extra day.

There was some discussion around issues at last year’s book sale with cleanup feeling rushed, and this resulting in a mess with extra work now for book sorting. It was considered advisable that for this year we request to have the rented tables removed at noon following the book sale, so that there would be time to properly organize and pack away the remaining books.

B. LaGrange Founding Celebrations – Memorial Day Weekend 2025

- Float – There will be a parade at 1 pm Monday, which will be followed by the unveiling of the new statue. The parade will begin at the LaGrange Community Park and will end at the LaGrange Village Building.
- The Founding Celebration will be advertised in the Rural Urban Record with an article by Jen Harmon about the Library’s involvement in the weekend’s activities.
- Wendi suggested that a Parade Float Committed be formed and assigned to the float tasks and details. Debby Krejsa and Sherry Marang volunteered to be the Float Committee. Wendi said that she will fill out the paperwork for the float.

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- C. Online Payment Options - Wendi did not have any updates at this time.
- D. IRS Report – Wendi said that this was completed on time. She also prepared our Fictitious Name Renewal until 2030 (DBA Friends of EPLS Keystone).
- E. Donation Day – We still do not have a decision from the Village regarding this date.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Kathy Burrer reported that a letter was left for Friends of Keystone from Deborah Kretschmer, new LaGrange resident, who wants to get involved in the community. The letter was given to Sherry Marang to email Deborah.

ADJOURNMENT

Marianne Sommerfelt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Burrer seconded the motion.  
Vote on the motion: Unanimous Approval.

Wendi Zwaduk, President, adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sherry Marang, Secretary 4/12/25.