

Members Present

Sherry Marang, Kevin Collins, Wendi Zwaduk, Kathy Burrer, Mary Karleskint, Cindy Klinect, Linda Gribben, Debbie Kretschmer, Iris Tewksbury, Carrie Tilley, Peg Yunker, Jennifer Starkey.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Wendi Zwaduk, President, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. APPROVAL of Minutes from March 20, 2025, Meeting

Iris Tewksbury made a motion to approve the 3/20/25 minutes. Kathy Burrer seconded the motion. Vote on the Motion: Unanimous Approval.

III. REPORTS

A. President Report – Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi Zwaduk had no presidential matters to report.

B. Vice President/Membership Report – Kathy Burrer

- Kathy Burrer reported that 31 yearly members have paid for this year; several previous members have not joined this year.
- Five Corporate members have joined and one is pending.
- There are 18 Lifetime members.
- Total members as of 3/20/25 is 54.

C. Treasurer Report – Wendi Zwaduk

- Wendi presented the Treasurer's report in Marcia DeJonge's absence: The beginning balance was \$11,429.98. Deposits included \$170 in membership dues. Expenses included \$25 to Wendi Zwaduk for filing our Fictitious Name form and \$225 to the Village of LaGrange for the 2nd quarter rent donation. Total expenses were \$250, for an ending balance of \$11,349.98.

D. Sunshine Committee Report –Mary Karleskint

Mary reported that Patti Baker is currently receiving physical therapy for her recent follow-up surgery in March. She will also have to be on antibiotics for a period of time before she can have another follow-up surgery. Mary Karleskint sent another Get Well card to Patti to let her know that the Friends are thinking of her and wishing her a good recovery.

Pauline Chaffins continues her recovery from her hip surgery at her daughter's home. Any members of the Friends that would like to send a personal Get Well card to Pauline may contact Mary for the address.

E. EPLS Director Report –Jennifer Starkey

- Jennifer reported that Carrie Tilley presented to the Library Trustees a report regarding library use and activity at Keystone.

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FRIENDS OF EPLS KEYSTONE

Thursday, April 17, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

- Regarding Library funding, Jennifer reported that the House version of the budget proposal was passed. Previously, the library received a percentage of taxes; now it is a line item. The Senate will work on budget, then the two budgets are worked out to become one, which is then brought to the governor for approval. The current House budget proposes the same amount of money for libraries as previous budget years. Ohio has great libraries, which often receive various awards each year.
- Jennifer made one request for the purchase of five (5) copies of A Great Place to Live by Wendi Zwaduk for the library system, at a total cost of \$74.95.
 - Kathy Burrer made a motion that the Friends of the Keystone Library purchase the requested five (5) copies of A Great Place to Live by Wendi Zwaduk for the library system, at a total cost of \$74.95. Cindy Klinect seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Unanimous approval.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Book Collection and Sorting

- Last Monday the volunteers got all the old stuff organized.
- Wendi received a request from the Keystone PTA for us to donate 150 books for their Teacher Appreciation gifts. This will be the next sorting Monday project. It was arranged that the books would be left at the library for the PTA contact to pick up.
- A number of books have been donated that should be a good match for Theresa Henderson's religious book non-profit connection.
- The next sorting meeting will be Monday, April 21 at 9 a.m., followed by May 5 and May 19.

B. LaGrange Founding Celebrations – Memorial Day Weekend 2025

- Float – Wendi had the application for the parade float, which has been filled out and signed by but all but one of the float volunteers. Once everyone has signed that, it can be turned it to the Village. Wendi plans to start an email chain regarding the float committee soon.

C. Online Payment Options - Wendi did not have any updates at this time.

- D. Donation Day – We still do not have a decision from the Village regarding this date, but it is generally in June.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Wendi reported that the Friends' CD has a balance of \$21,794.44. Wendi presented options for moving forward with the CD, but after discussion it was decided to stay with the motion that was approved at last month's meeting.
- B. Wendi reported that the Friends received a check for \$150 from Benevity.
- C. Wendi brought up for discussion the Little Free Library and its condition. Because it is in a prominent location on the circle, and with the Founding Celebration festivities coming up soon, it would be good to give the Little Free Library a fresh

- coat of paint and fixing up. This will be tackled on the next sorting day as well as on Thursday, April 24, to hopefully finish any remaining work on it. New books will also be added in preparation for Memorial Day Weekend.
- D. Wendi also brought up the topic of the Friends' Membership Tree. There are several factors about this tree that are not pleasing and do not fit the theme of our group. Wendi proposed that we consider something different and would love to hear ideas and feedback from the group regarding this. One of Wendi's ideas is to have a membership bookcase or shelves, which would be able to display member names on the spines of "books" and could be displayed in the library without harm to the library wall. Something like this would also allow us to customize the membership names on our own without hiring someone else at an added cost.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Iris Tewksbury motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Burrer seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Unanimous Approval.

Wendi Zwaduk, President, adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sherry Marang, Secretary 5/12/25.