

Members Present: 14

Sherry Marang, Debby Krejsa, Eileen French, Cindy Klinect, Paula Pietch, Kevin Collins, Mary Karleskint, Peg Yunker, Sylvia Hack, Iris Tewksbury, Debrah Kretschmer (non-member), Marcia DeJonge, Wendi Zwaduk, Kathy Burrer, Jen Starkey.

I. CALL TO ORDER - Wendi Zwaduk, President, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. APPROVAL of Minutes from April 17, 2025, Meeting - Iris Tewksbury made a motion to approve the 4/17/25 minutes. Debby Kresja seconded the motion. Vote on the Motion: Unanimous Approval.

III. REPORTS

A. President Report – Wendi Zwaduk

- Wendi Zwaduk shared about a PBS documentary she watched that she thought others in the group would enjoy, from Independent Lens, titled “Free for All: The Public Library.”
- Wendi also passed around the three library books that had been purchased with a nameplate in honor of longtime member, Ray Dill. They are children’s books titled, Dig, Build, Excavate: Construction A to Z; Construction Vehicles for Kids (The Ultimate Heavy Equipment Book); and I Spy Construction Vehicles.
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B. Vice President/Membership Report – Kathy Burrer

- Kathy Burrer reported that 32 yearly members have paid for this year. There are 6 Corporate members and 18 Lifetime members. Total members as of 5/15/25 is 56.
- Kathy also reported that she **and Mary Karleskint** will be at the library on Saturday, May 24, during the LaGrange Founding Celebration Meet & Greet event, trying to get more members.

C. Treasurer Report –Marcia DeJonge

- Marcia presented the Treasurer’s report: The beginning balance was \$11,349.98. Deposits included \$20 in membership dues and a Benevity donation of \$152.82, for total deposits of \$172.82. Expenses included \$28.68 to Wendi Zwaduk for paint and supplies for improvements to the Free Little Library, \$74.95 for 5 copies of the LaGrange book, and \$24.90 to the EPLS for copier charges. Total expenses were \$128.53, for an ending balance of \$11,394.27.
- Marcia also presented the receipt for the new CD. The old CD account had been closed, and the new CD with Buckeye Community Bank was opened on 4/23/25 in the amount of \$21,852.13, for a term of 7 months at a fixed interest rate of 3.70%. This account will mature on 11/23/25.
- Wendi shared that she had been made aware of another library group whose Treasurer stole funds and that it may be wise for us to get bonded. Discussion followed regarding the cost and benefits of this as well as other checks and balances

that could be done to help prevent this from happening but also to protect us if it does. Friends of Keystone has neglected to get our annual audit done for the past few years, and the importance of doing that was mentioned. Wendi will research a few surety bond companies and will present costs and options in an upcoming meeting.

D. Sunshine Committee Report –Mary Karleskint

- Mary did not have anything to report.
- Iris Tewksbury gave an update on Patti Baker. Her health has had ups and downs, and she has been in and out of hospitals and health care facilities. She is currently at Amherst Manor Nursing home. Mary suggested that each of us should independently send Patti a card to let her know we are thinking of her. Iris suggested that it would be best for these to be sent to Patti's home address, which Kathy Burrer provided to the group.
- Wendi shared that Pauline Chaffins is doing okay.
- Kathy shared that Linda Chapin is doing well.

E. EPLS Director Report –Jennifer Starkey

- Jen reported that the summer reading program, "Color Our World," is set to kick off on May 27.
- She also reported that the Librarian of Congress, Carla Hayden, was relieved of her duties.
- She reported that the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which is an independent agency of the United States federal government and is a main source of federal support for libraries and museums in the United States, may be closed. Legal action has been taken, and the case is ongoing.
- In state news, the Senate version of the Ohio budget is still pending. Jen was very encouraged after visiting our legislators in Columbus, who were very willing to listen. She was impressed that our public servants did seem to care about what the people of Ohio had to say.
- The West River Branch of the EPLS now has a new parking lot.
- Jen has spoken with Pandy's regarding the planting of the new pine tree in front of the Keystone library. It is on their radar, and they are working on setting a date for this to be done.
- The EPLS is working to develop a new logo and branding, which will be revealed to the public in September. Jen brought pictures of the new logo for us to see and suggested that we may want to incorporate some aspects of the new logo into our Friends of Keystone logo. Discussion followed.
- Jen invited the Friends of Keystone to a dedication ceremony on Wednesday, June 4, at 10:30 am for the newly remodeled Storytime Room at the West River Branch. The renovations improved the flow from the main part of the library to the story room as well as other wonderful updates.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. Book Collection and Sorting

- 1,677 books were sorted and boxed in the month of April.
- Wendi reminded the group that the Village requests that we leave as a group after sorting and that if anyone needs to be in the sorting room other than on a sorting day, please call ahead.
- The next sorting days are 5/19, 6/2, and 6/16, at 9 a.m.

##### B. Little Free Library Facelift – Thanks to Wendi Zwaduk, Kevin Collins, and Mary Karleskint, the Little Free Library now has a fresh coat of paint and is back up at the circle, with books inside.

##### C. LaGrange Founding Celebration –

- Flyers with the celebration schedule are around the community, and a large ad ran in the Rural Urban Record.
- The parade on Monday will start at the LaGrange Community Park. Those participating in the float for Friends of Keystone should be at the park at noon. The parade officially starts at 1 pm but may have to wait for the Marching Band to arrive, as they march at Penfield first. Wendi will buy candy to be thrown. Friends can accept donations toward the candy. Several donations were handed to Marcia during the meeting.
- The Historical Society will be selling copies of the book A Great Place to Live: The History of LaGrange Township and the Village of LaGrange, by Wendi Shifley, as well as postcards, etc. All profits from the sale of the book go to the Historical Society. The book may also be purchased on Amazon.com. The cost is \$15.

##### D. Online Payment Options - Wendi must get banking information from Marcia to complete this.

##### E. Membership Tree/Bookcase – Kevin and Wendi are working on drawings for this, but the project is being paused until June.

##### F. Donation Day – The Village garage sale day is June 21. However, Wendi proposed that since we have few volunteers to work for Donation Day, donations have not been very high that day in the past few years, and we already foresee having enough books for the book sale, that we don't need it this year. Discussion followed.

- Kathy Burrer made a motion to pause Donation Day for one year. Marcia DeJonge seconded the motion. Vote on the Motion: Unanimous Approval.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Backpack Donations – Donations of money or items can be given to the library or accepted at sorting days. Wendi plans to collect donations through at least July 1. Wendi will take care of the advertising for the Backpack giveaway.
- B. Author Brunch – Used to be an annual event in April, but this involved a lot of work and did not benefit the Friends of Keystone much financially. Wendi is proposing a new idea, an Author Event for July of 2026. This would be a 2-day event to include a Friday afternoon/evening discussion time for authors to discuss their craft, followed by a Saturday event where authors would have a table to display and sell their work, sign books, etc. Authors would have to pay to have a table. “Readers” (those attending the Saturday event) would purchase tickets for the event. Raffle tickets would be sold. The event will be held at the LaGrange Village Building. Money raised is to benefit the library. Wendi’s thought is that this could potentially take the place of the book sale in the future. Discussion followed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Burrer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Eileen French seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Unanimous Approval.

Wendi Zwaduk, President, adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sherry Marang, Secretary 5/17/25.