

Friends of SGCLIB

May 12, 2025

Attendance

Friends Members

Present: Jennifer Cox, Paige Mossinghoff, Rose Green, Liz Rudloff, Becky Long, Susie Johnson, Jean Johnson, Cindy Carlson, Theresa Roe, Cindy Mueller, Mary Rebecchi, Rich Rebecchi, Rachel Long, Christine Long, Richard Fieg

Absent: Jerry Klein

Others in Attendance

Shawn Long, Ste. Genevieve County Library

Judy Cantoni, Community Foundation of the Ozarks

Meeting was called to order by Liz Rudloff, President at 5:02 PM.

Meeting Notes from April - Edits made for types but motion to approve made by Chris Long and Becky seconded

Treasurer's Report - Richard Fieg

- **\$8283.57** **Final Balance 5/5/2025**

There were some questions about the deposits made and the starting balance. Becky made a motion to accept as verbally given and revisit next month after Square is settled and additional deposit is made from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks.

Library Director's Report-Shawn Long

- Dollar General grant was approved. Paid for one full year of Novel Effect. Sound effects for novels and books. Great for children and the library uses it for school visits. Also will help fund a book box for teens. Repeat program from Covid.
- Placemaking grant - working on application and this will be for the patio in the CC courtyard
- Senior tax break - meeting with commissioners next week to learn more about how this will affect the 2026 budget.

Old Business

Summer Reading Kickoff Party

- June 7th, 11 am-2 pm
- Advertising online with Bluey is ambiguous
- Summer Reading kick off is here
- Modified BOOK IT program - Kids only for summer (large groans from the peanut gallery), but maybe for adults moving forward.

501(c)3 Application

- Library is a partner to the Community Foundation of the Ozarks - they can collect donations for the Library that stay separate from the tax income. All are board approved. This is currently how Liz Roth donates to the library annually.

- Just like the Foundation for the hospital
- 850 Community Foundations nationally
- Work with rural communities in SEMO
- Sandra Cabot is the STG county representative for our area
- Cape County library - their Friends group does not have 501c3 and they go through the Fund with Community Foundation of the Ozarks
- We would have the option to merge accounts or we could set up our own
- Sue and Jenn voiced the opinion to set up a second account - Sue mentioned that the Restoration has 4 different accounts
- 1.15% interest charged on the average daily amount, different investment options (can change annually): Money Market, other three are open market mutual funds but they are more variable.
- 501c3 would allow us to do grants but the CFO account would not allow us to do that.
- The Community Foundation for the Ozarks will also accept donations from company programs like Jenn at Edward Jones where the Friends can be paid for her time.
- Jenn made a motion to open our own CFO account and Becky seconded. Jenn will collect information needed to work on opening the account.
- All agreed that 501c3 will be our eventual goal but this will allow us to fill the gap for a tax break for individuals.

Summer Music Series

- More to come once Becky reaches out to musicians
- Plan for this to be free of charge

Craft Nights & Adult Prom

- Becky and Jenn will work on this and get back with us.

Dungeons & Dragons

- Shawn will be reaching out to Andy's friends for more information. Andy was the friend that passed away and donations were in his honor.

Makerspace

- Shawn passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers
 - First date is June 21, 2024 from 10-4
 - July 26th 10-4
 - Aug 16th 10-4
 - Set up will be the day before for each one and we need volunteers for each day.
- Shawn passed out a flyer and will also be asking for sponsors to offset our Friends donation

New Business

- Jenn mentioned invites to band app that will allow for volunteer sign up, communication outside of monthly meetings and sharing of files

Next Meeting is June 9th at 5 PM

Becky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 PM, Rachel seconded.