

Minutes of the October 17, 2023, Meeting of the
Friends of the Parkersburg and Wood County Library

The October 17, 2023, meeting of the Friends of the Parkersburg and Wood County Library (FOL) was held in the Board Room of the Emerson Ave. Library. President Lydia White called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were: Lydia White (President), Diana Hill (Secretary), Janet Mongilio, Brain Raitz (Director), June Rhodes, Mike Samson, Dave White, and Rita Yost.

Minutes of the February 28, 2023, meeting were distributed and approved. Cate Weber, treasurer, being absent, Lydia reported the current balance as \$11,541.74.

Old Business: June gave an update on the Sustainable Shelves Program from Baker and Taylor. The program has changed. Baker and Taylor will still buy some of the weeded books that FOL does not wish to sell, but they are no longer picking up to recycle those that they don't buy. Those books are being kept at the library while the Library Board looks for a way to recycle them.

New Business: Lydia reported that the library's branches are now aware of the proper form and procedure for requesting funds from the FOL. She asked at what amount an FOL meeting should be held to discuss whether to honor a request. **Rita moved that when the Friends of the Parkersburg and Wood County Library receive a request for funds totaling \$500 or more, a meeting will be called to make the decision. June seconded the motion. The motion passed.** For anything requested under \$500, the president will consult with a few members to decide.

FOL's last yearly book sale was held in 2019. Presently, our Wednesday and Saturday sales are bringing in funds comparable to those large sales, with much less trouble.

Rita said that the wooden shelves for the book sale area are much appreciated. Brian said that additional permanent shelves will be installed in the sale area's back room soon, making it a more efficient space. One or two of the current sorting tables will be kept.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hill, Secretary