

Minutes of the February 9, 2026, Meeting of the
Friends of the Parkersburg and Wood County Library

The February 9, 2026, meeting of the Friends of the Parkersburg and Wood County Library (FOL) was held in the Summers Auditorium of the Emerson Avenue Library. President Lydia White called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Lydia White, Rita Yost, June Rhodes, Carol Samson, Mike Samson, Janet Mongilio, Christy Life, Diana Hill, Dave White, Michael Ireland, and Brian Raitz.

Minutes of the June 30, 2025, meeting were distributed and approved as presented. Treasurer Christy Life reported the current balance as \$11,490.79.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. Discussed an Application for Funding Assistance from the Young Adult Youth Services – Emerson Branch, dated January 21, 2026. The request was for \$2000 to be used for supplies, etc. for the library's 2026 Teen Summer Library Club serving approximately 400 people. Rita Yost moved to approve the request. Dave White seconded the motion and the motion carried.
2. Discussion followed concerning Janet and Christy's ideas to provide an incentive for the public to join the Friends of the Library. Their Tiered Incentive Ideas were:
 - a. Those purchasing a \$2 annual individual membership will receive a booklet of 12 coupons for free books. The coupons would only be valid at a FOL's weekly book sale. Each coupon will be worth one free book or 2 free children's books. Only one coupon could be used per visit. The coupons have no expiration date, and no photocopies would be accepted.
 - b. Those purchasing a \$5 family annual membership would receive the coupon booklet as above, plus a library pen.
 - c. Those purchasing a \$20 lifetime membership would receive the coupon booklet, pen, and a library tote bag. Coupons will be available every year for lifetime members but they must come into the library and show their lifetime membership card or other ID at the front desk, in order to get them.

June moved that the Friends accept the Tiered Membership Incentive as presented. Dave seconded and the motion carried.

Brian said the library would provide the pens and the totes, probably with no charge to the FOL.

Janet will work with the membership rolls and notify members of the new incentive information through email. The incentives will be implemented when Janet is ready.

Brian said that the library's excess levee will be on the ballot in May.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hill, Secretary