GMPL Friends Meeting Minutes July 1, 2025

Meeting opened at 6:30 by Brenda Jalowiec, Secretary. 14 members were in attendance.

Membership Report: 2025 membership is at 122 members, which includes 19 Golden members.

June minutes were read and approved.

No correspondence.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer was not in attendance and there was no report.

Book Sale Report

Rita is collecting donations for the Fall Book Sale Raffle. Suggestions include anything to do with baking, i.e. baking utensils, mixes, gift cards, etc. She would like to have all donations by September meeting.

The Sale Committee feels they can run the sale without a sitting Chairman since Rita will be out of town. Phil advised we have a good number of books in the shed.

Director Report

Adele was not in attendance.

Trustee Report

PACforGMPL Chairman Clare Gallaher was in attendance as well as Trustees Ed Greenwall and Angie Carter. They shared information on the upcoming November Operation Levy. Mindy Harris will serve as PAC Treasurer. Exact amount of millage will be determined at the Board meeting next week and then will be presented to the school board for approval on July 22. Once that is done, they will ask for volunteers to help plan fundraising, letters to the editor, canvassing, working event information tables, etc. If information is available by our August program meeting, we can have available.

The Levy Committee will need to fund their campaign (signage, advertising, mailing, etc). The Friends unanimously agreed to make the maximum donation to the PAC allowable under our non-profit status. The Treasurer will need to work with our Accountant to determine that amount.

Individuals can also donate directly to the PAC.

Ed also shared the latest on House Bill State Budget Item 67 regarding Gov DeWine's veto of "Restriction on Public Libraries" which would require vague and onerous restrictions on public

libraries of placement of certain materials. Although he has vetoed the item, the legislature does have the power to override his veto. He encouraged all to contact their representative to support the veto.

Old Business

The office of Vice President remains open since Kathy Hyle has stepped down.

Business

Discussion was held regarding regarding how to engage younger members into our group. Marketing ideas included:

- Redesign our Membership Trifold form
- Membership table/discussion at targeted library events, such as Painting/Craft workshops.
- Using Friends Facebook page (maybe work with Ben to figure out why there are two)
- Using Instagram
- More publicity (newspapers, newsletters)
- Table at any levy committee gathering offering membership information
- Using leftover book bags as membership or welcome gift.
- Membership information at table for our Lorain County Fair day.

The speaker for the August 5th meeting has been confirmed. Jim Stoner from southern Ohio will portray Woody Hayes. Darlene will handle the registration logistics and provide a QR code. There will be no admission charge. The program will take place at the Historic Grafton School on Elm Street. Brenda Baer will work with Jim's team on the brochure and we will have copies made and post in town. Info has been submitted to the Chronicle Telegram for their community page and the Rural Urban.

Sept 2 meeting will be a regular business meeting.

Oct 7th meeting will be a short business meeting and a presentation by Earth Philosophy on organic oils for health and beauty.

November will be the book sale – no business meeting.

Dec 2nd will be a Bow-Making Workshop by member Sharon O'Neil and again we will need advance registration since space will be limited in the community room.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 5 at The Historic Grafton School for the Woody Hayes program.

Brenda Jalowiec, Secretary