

Friends of the Ruth Enlow Library Meeting, September 10, 2025

In attendance: Thomas Vose, Gayle Byrne, Ellen Cowgill, Beverly Barb, Brenda Betz, Bonnie Winters, Melodee Hill, Maxine Shindel, Richard Hill

The meeting was called to order by President Gayle Byrne at 5:30.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Thomas presented the Financial Report. Total balance of \$141,390.31 as of July 31st.

The Director's report was read (attached).

Thomas and Gayle reported on a meeting they had with Cherie Krug about the Friends Foundation. She had a number of ideas, stressing the marketing of the library to begin with. Possible avenues include naming rights, Open House for FOTL members during National Library week, marketing the Gift of Reading for the holidays. Maxine thought there should be more outreach to the different branches.

Thomas reported the Friends renewal audit for its tax exempt renewal status had been completed with no issues.

The group discussed some ideas for the 75th anniversary of REL in December. Ideas include:

- A Proclamation from the Commissioners
- Renewal of the history pamphlet
- A cake in the shape of the library - the group approved up to \$200 to Mountain Flour Bakery to work on the cake
- Production of a commemorative ornament - Brenda will contact someone at Oak & Roses to see what they can do
- Rotating photo and artifact displays
- Richard Hill volunteered to read in character from E. E. Enlow's diary
- A display of each year's most popular books

The group discussed a possible partnership with End of the Line Bookstore. Areas included help with maintenance of their collection (weeding and disposing of books that are not needed) and possibly having some of their books for sale in the library in the off season. Maxine will discuss this with the people running End of the Line and get back to us.

A discussion on an Open House for National Library week was tabled for next time.

Other business:

- A thank you note from a scholarship recipient was read
- Note from the Essential Connection book club was read
- We learned of the existence of Short Story kiosks
- Thomas will report on the issue of AI refusal from a committee.

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With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm. Next meeting will take place at the Grantsville branch on October 8th, 5:30 pm.