

Friends of the Osceola Public Library
Meeting Minutes for Saturday, April 25, 2026

Present: Barb, Colleen, Miriam, Kathie, Janet, Sherry, Quinn

10:32 a.m. Miriam called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda: Colleen moved that agenda be approved, Sherry seconded. Unanimously approved.

Director's Report: Anne is working at the plant swap outside the library upstairs today so Miriam is reading Anne's report: In March, Anne worked on revising Equipment Use Policy and developing a Mobile Hotspot Device Policy. Many activities occurred in the library in March including special events concurring with Osceola School District Spring Break, the regular programs like WMPL Book Discussion, which in March featured Julia Child's My Life in France (including a visit the next evening for a of the book group to the Julia Child exhibit at MN History Center), and co-hosting with the League of Women Voters a Meet and Greet the candidates running for Polk County Supervisor. The library assisted recording the event, and though only 25 people attended in person almost 3000 views were counted on League's FB post of the recording. The Transcribe-a-Thon program taught attendees about the Library of Congress' volunteer transcription program and how they could participate. Also, Inga Orth, farmer, PBS TV host, and author, presented an entertaining program hosted by the library., On March 25, Michelle Jacobs and Anne promoted the library at the Osceola School District's Literacy Night.

Approval of March meeting minutes: Sherry moved that they be approved and Kathie seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathie presented and noted that Venmo was used successfully at the last book sale. Sherry moved that the report be approved and Quinn seconded. Unanimously approved.

Library board attendees: Barb attended in April, noted a number of subjects were addressed, including the no limitation of age on library cards; the new terrace furniture received and incorporated with the old; a memorial gift received by the library that was used to fund framing of Craig Blacklock prints, previously received by the library. The name of Friends of "Osceola Public Library" vs "Wilberg Memorial Library" was questioned by the board when Barb handed out GiveBig fliers. She explained that maintaining old name had been approved as legal and acceptable since we are an independently registered corporation from the library. The mobile Hot Spot devices are on order, and as Anne mentioned, the policy for their use is ready to go.

Sign up for future board meetings: May 14 Cheryl June 11 Sherry

May 2 Book Sale: Friday **May 1** set up: Janet, Sherry, Miriam

Sale shifts: 9:30-12:30 Leader: Miriam Volunteers: Elaine, Maureen

12:30-3:30 Leader: Janet Volunteers: Sherry, _____

GiveBIG Cheryl's report read by Miriam: The Friends' page on the GiveBIG has been updated, metrics reset, and the Match entered to begin at 12:01 a.m. on April 28.

With Kathie Nelson and Janet Ha's collaboration the Spring Newsletter was created and sent to Friends members along with emails to past donors.

Signs were obtained and placed at Denny's's Auto in Dresser, the Brothers store on Nye, and on County Rd K.

Another email blast will go out just prior to Give BIG day.

Update on reusable bags: Nothing available, but Janet is exploring the idea of Friends getting our own choice of bags

FB Friends of W WI: Quinn reports no new posts

Friends booth at Osceola Farmer's Market: a non-profit table that rotates with other organizations. We would have a sampling of used books available for which donations would be accepted, offer membership information, etc. We'll sign up for one date to start.

QR code to link to library website and

Using Venmo as Payment option: Kathie reports they're set up.

Archives: Janet reports she's got downloaded what's significant.

Biscotti tongs: no update available

New Business: Point of interest-Library's old director, Nate Dupree, is library director now in Stewartville.

11:23 a.m. Sherry moved that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Marian Quinn