

FRIENDS OF EPLS KEYSTONE
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 23, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
EPLS Keystone Branch

Members Present

Mary Karleskint; Eileen French; Debby Krejsa; Cindy Klinect; Linda Gribben; Iris Tewksbury; Marcia DeJonge; Sylvia Hack; Peg Yunker; Wendi Zwaduk; Kathy Burrer; Marianne Sommerfelt; Carrie Tilley (Keystone Branch Manager); Sherry Marang.

CALL TO ORDER

Wendi Zwaduk, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2024 Meeting

Kathy Burrer made a motion to approve the December 12, 2024 minutes. Iris Tewksbury seconded the motion. Vote on the Motion: Unanimous Approval.

I. REPORTS

A. President Report – Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi Zwaduk thanked everyone for the gift card that she received. She also shared with the members that Ray Dill had passed away the week prior. The remaining conversation regarding that was tabled for the Sunshine Committee Report. Wendi worked on getting the information on taking online payments, but she will have more to report on that and other matters in old/new business.

B. Vice President/Membership Report – Kathy Burrer

Kathy Burrer reported that she has been working on the letters for 2025. She just received approval and will send to get printed. Once she has the letters back from the printers, she will mail out the membership letters. Also, she will try to get new members for our corporate lists. Let Kathy know if there is a business she should go to and try to recruit. Several businesses in the area were discussed as possible contacts, some of which Kathy had already spoken with.

C. Treasurer Report – Marcia DeJonge

Marcia DeJonge presented the Treasurer's report: Deposits included \$40 in membership dues. Expenses included a donation to the EPL Foundation in the amount of \$100 and \$225 to the Village of LaGrange for the 1st quarter rent donation, for total expenses of \$325. The ending balance as of January 23, 2025, is \$12,697.11. Marcia also reported that she plans to have Lorain County Tax Service prepare the Friends of EPLS Keystone 2024 tax return. Discussion followed about setting up an appointment for that.

D. Sunshine Committee Report –Mary Karlskint

Mary Karlskint reported that Ray Dill, long-time member of Friends of EPLS Keystone, passed away on January 15, 2025. Duke Funeral Home in Grafton held private services for the family. Donations in Ray's name can be made to Friends of EPLS Keystone.

Mary reported that she will be taking over as Chair of the Sunshine Committee and will be collecting donations from the membership this evening. The Sunshine Fund is currently depleted

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and is in need of being replenished. Many donations for the fund were given to Mary during the meeting.

Mary also passed around a thank you note that was received from the EPLS Foundation for the \$100 donation we sent.

Discussion followed regarding the best way to give a memorial gift in honor of Ray Dill, as the family asked for all donations to be given to the Friends of the EPLS Keystone. Carrie Tilley shared that one can purchase a book with a book plate in honor of Ray. Carrie provided the proper forms for that. There was some discussion about the gift amount as well as the kind/topic of book(s) that would be purchased, and \$50 seemed to be agreeable to all.

E. EPLS Director Report – Carrie Tilley

Carrie Tilley, Keystone Branch Manager, presented the report for the EPLS. The Parking Lot Project for the West River branch has been approved, and that branch will also be receiving a new HVAC system. She reported that the EPLS is tracking library stats (attendance and patron questions) using a new system. They now have a new catalog app called Aspen LiDA. The seed starting program kicks off February 6, and the cost of seed replenishment is \$280. Kathy Burrer made a motion for the Friends of EPLS Keystone to donate \$280 to EPLS Keystone branch for seed replenishment. Cindy Kinect seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Unanimous Approval.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Book Collection and Sorting

Wendi Zwaduk announced that March 3, 2025, is the possible first sorting Monday. This date may change.

B. Advertising for the Keystone Library Branch

Wendi reported that Facebook promotions and posts will remain dormant until a committee chair for the Advertising Committee is elected.

C. Library Staff Appreciation and Village Staff Appreciation

Wendi spoke with Carrie Tilley this evening and will be purchasing a cheese and fruit tray for the EPLS Keystone staff, as they really appreciated this last year; donuts will be purchased for the LaGrange Village staff. These will be purchased from the LaGrange IGA. Wendi will take care of the ordering and delivery of these items.

D. Evergreen Tree

Wendi reported that we are in a holding pattern for the planting of the new evergreen tree until Spring. The landscaping company is asking for ideas or suggestions for specific plants or shrubs that we may like for the other side of the building.

E. Feedback on Friends December Annual Meeting/Holiday Hors d'oeuvres

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Need more table surface for annual dinner/meeting. Members indicated preference in staying with the event in the evening at 6:30 p.m.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Replacement of Chair for Publicity Committee
No volunteers at this time.

B. LaGrange Bicentennial Celebrations – Memorial Day Weekend 2025
Wendi outlined the events that are being planned for the LaGrange Bicentennial Celebration, which is to be held over Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26, 2025. Over the course of the weekend the event will include a parade, a 5k run, a pancake breakfast, a church walk, a car show at the high school, a carnival on the football field, a Lions Club movie night, adult softball tournament at the community park, a historic building walk, the unveiling of the soldier's monument, fireworks, and a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday. There will also be a book about LaGrange Village history at the storybook stroll in the Community Park; Wendi Zwaduk is writing this book and it will be available for sale to the public. Wendi encouraged members to attend the next Bicentennial Committee meeting on Monday, January 27, at 6:00 pm in the Village Council Chambers (old cafeteria). Discussion included possible participation of the Friends of EPLS Keystone with a simple parade float and/or a booth at one of the events, such as the car show or carnival.

ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Burrer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Debby Krejsa seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Unanimous Approval. Wendi Zwaduk, President, adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sherry Marang, Secretary 1/27/25.