

Meeting May 16th, 2025

In Attendance:

Renee Mayer

Josh Reyes

John Cloutier

Martha Detore-Woods

Mary Carter

Chris Malhoit

Starting time 5:20 pm

**Summer Reading Program ideas in development for Friend's Support:
Presented by Mary Carter**

#1 Reading Player One - children's summer event

Date TBD

Live quiz on front lawn for 4 kids to compete for local prizes

Needed from Friends

Volunteer Support:

Set up / clean up

Refreshments table

Potential Financial Contribution

Contestant Prizes in lieu of or in addition to local business donations

Refreshments Table Fare or Bake Sale Table

#2 Zeus Vs Seuss - children's summer program

Dates TBD

Weeklong program, 1-2 hours / day for 5 days with performance at the end of the week. Kids will develop a script and costumes in the style of *Who Would Win* series by pitting mythological Greek gods vs Dr. Seuss characters.

Needed from Friends

Volunteer Support :

Assistant to Mary

Costume Material Donations

Potential Financial Contribution

Bottled Water and Snacks for participants

BOOK SALE 2025 Recap:

Total Raised \$2312.90

New Members 48

Proposed ideas for future books sales:

Biannual Sale (Spring and Fall)

Book Drives - perhaps specific weekends where people bring in their donations and volunteers take only salable books (ala Springfield Library)

Questions to sort out - collecting and storing books for future book drives.

Claremont Community Center Free Book Shelf

During the book sale, volunteers were brainstorming ideas about what to do with the remaining books within the community. A free bookshelf for the Claremont Community Center was proposed. Mark White ran the idea of by the Justin Martin, Parks and Rec director, to see if it would be something they would be open to. Justin was very enthusiastic. There are even 2 book shelves available for us to use.

We have remaining books from the sale to get the free shelves stocked. Josh Reyes has volunteered to store ALL the remaining books at his home to be used to stock the community center. We would make a sign to indicate that this is maintained by the Friends of the Library and indicate they can contact us via the website to inquire about donating books. Mark White has volunteered to keep it stocked with books from the sale overage.

This plan would remove all remaining book sale books from the Gilmore Room and out them to use right here in our community.

Alumni Parade - Sat June 14th Promotion for Summer Reading Program Events

Proposed idea to have the Friends march in the Alumni Parade and hand out free Color Your Own bookmarks to kids with the Summer reading program events printed on the back. This would get the events calendar directly into the hands of kids in the community. The events listed are specifically sponsored by the Friends. Board members, library staff and Friends volunteers welcome to join in walking.

Friends website will list all upcoming event details.

Chili Cookoff Fall 2025

Proposed attending the Chili Cookout with Friends table to promote our group and mission. More to discuss for what we could offer beyond membership.

Thanksgiving Pie Sale 2025

Proposed hosting pie & baked goods sale during the week of Thanksgiving.

While discussing topics, the attendees finished the Annual Appeal Mailing to be send out following Monday. Renee left with box of envelopes to be mailed and all extra supplies. Mark White took letters to be delivered in person to preselected businesses.

Proposed next meeting date Friday June 27th, 2025 at 5:15 PM.

Ending time 6:30 pm