

2026-03-03, 10:00 a.m.

## ORL Foundation Minutes

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The ORL Foundation met in Fredericktown on December 2, 2025, at 10:04 a.m. for a regular meeting. Rose Mier presided. Board members in attendance were Barbara DeBerry and William Bennett (via phone). Also present were Library Director/Secretary Michelle Swane and Assistant Library Director Kessie Osborne.

*Minutes*

- Mier made a motion to approve the September 2025 minutes, contingent upon adding Bennett to the roll call and correcting a spelling error. DeBerry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mier made a motion to approve the October–December 2025 Financial Report with a correction to the Budget Remaining column for Merchandise (changing the amount from negative to positive). DeBerry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Financials*

### Old Business:

*Old Business*

Topics discussed included interest in pursuing a Bookmobile as a long-term goal (target year 2030), with an emphasis on grant writing to support the purchase. Bennett will explore potential grant opportunities, and Mier offered her grant-writing expertise.

The updated pay schedule for Friends of the Library membership, effective January 1, 2026, was also discussed.

- Bennett made a motion to accept the updated Friends membership pay schedule (attached). DeBerry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mier announced that the 2026 Book Character Mystery fundraiser will be led by Robbins. Discussion included encouraging attendees to dress as their favorite literary character (LitCom), the addition of a photo booth (Swane will reach out to Bill Knight and/or Russell Myers), and the need to identify an alternate date due to the 2026 Chili Cook-Off being relocated to Azalea Park (Car Show possibly). Osborne will contact the Madison County Chamber to obtain additional information regarding 2026 events on the square.

*Next Meeting will be on March 3rd, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in Ironton*

Staff selected library-branded swag as this year's Staff Appreciation gift; however, the long-sleeve T-shirts ordered for all staff members exceeded the anticipated cost.

- DeBerry made a motion to amend the 2025 Budget to increase the Staff Appreciation line item to \$300. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Eight mobile hotspots were purchased in memory of John A. Jones: one for each branch to use during utility outages and one per branch for circulation.

**New Business:**

Discussion included the potential addition of library-related retail items, with the board favoring library-branded merchandise such as T-shirts and canvas bags sourced from a local vendor, Julie Johnson / At-T-tudes T-shirts and More.

*New Business*

The board anticipates the need to recruit one to two new board members in 2026 due to potential departures, including the Library Board of Trustees liaison (January 2026) and Robbins (June 2026). Osborne and DeBerry will contact the individuals listed below to gauge interest and availability:

1. Tom Moody
2. Nancy Lodge

The board will determine the 2026 Budget in March, as several members were unable to attend the December meeting.

*Motion to Adjourn*

There being no further business, Bennett made a motion to adjourn. DeBerry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_