Meeting opened at 6:35, President Beth Plas welcomed 11 in attendance.

Minutes for July were read and approved.

Membership Report: 116 members and 14 golden members.

Correspondence was read.

Treasurer Report: Operating Account beginning balance \$10,019 on 7/2/2024. After expenses and deposits, ending balance was \$9,397.72. Encumbered dollars include \$1500.00 for Library Support and \$1144.74 for Lakeland Grant for Pantry goods.

# **Book Sale Report**

Rita Thompson will serve as co-chair along with Kevin Rogers.

Dates for the Fall Book Sale are 11/1 and 11/2 for setup and 11/4-11/9 sale dates.

We have limited room in the storage building for donations, but we currently are accepting donations for the fall sale.

The committee (Rita, Phil, Darlene and Brenda) were scheduling a day to start sorting donations.

## **Director Report**

Adele advised the library has received \$3600 in grant monies from the Office of Aging to continue our Can-Do Senior Programs and lunches. They will also sponsor five more hot spots that can be loaned out and fund five laptops to support our seniors.

GMPL 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party will be held Saturday, September 21 from 10-2 at the library. There will be chalk artists, balloonists, APL dogs, activities, and a photo booth among other activities. Fred asked the Friends to ask membership volunteers for donation of cakes, cupcakes, and cookies for the Dessert Dance.

### <u>Trustee Report</u>

No Trustees were in attendance.

### **Old Business**

The office of Vice President remains open since Kathy Hyle is stepping down.

### **Business**

GMPL Express Trip to Garfield House in Mentor has been scheduled for Sunday, September 29. Maximum seating for two buses is 32. Registration will begin in August and members will have first access.

Beth has confirmed the dates for the Food Preservation Series: Mondays, August 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 6-7:30pm. The first three will be held in the Library Community Room. Stacy Stangel from Central State will be conducting the sessions, which will include canning and dehydration.

Amber Pompeii from Cleveland Tea Revival has been scheduled for our October meeting. Her presentation will coincide with a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary party for the Friends group.

Beth announced that the Historical Grafton School is hosting a fundraiser on August 9, 10, and 11. They will be offering four one-act plays. Donation is \$5 at the door.

Cards for Kathy Hyle can be sent to:
Springer Health Care
Attn Kathy Hyle Room 204
500 Community Drive
Avon Lake OH 44012
She would love to hear from the Friends!

Next meeting will be held Sept 3, 2024

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Jalowiec, Secretary