Meeting opened at 6:30, President Beth Plas welcomed 8 in attendance.

Minutes for June were read and approved.

Membership Report: 116 members and 14 golden members.

Treasurer Report: Operating Account beginning balance \$10,034.89 on 7/2/2024. After expenses and deposits, ending balance was \$10,019.28. Encumbered dollars include \$1500.00 for Library Support and \$1144.74 for Lakeland Grant for Pantry goods. RBTW CD Balance: \$20,336.61.

Book Sale Report

Rita Thompson served as the sale Co-Chair with Sharon O'Neil.

Dates for the Fall Book Sale are 10/31 and 11/1 for setup and 11/3-11/9 sale dates.

Sharon will be stepping down as co-chair and we are looking for another co-chair.

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

Director Report

The Director was not in attendance.

Trustee Report

No Trustees were in attendance.

Old Business

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

Business

The Friends will coordinate a visit to the Cleveland Public Library on July 27. Transportation will not be provided.

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.

We will also ask Amber Pompeii from Cleveland Tea Revival to do a presentation on tea blending/tasting.

We will reschedule the GMPL Express trip to the Maltz Museum for April 2025, in hopes that they will be offering free admission during Holocaust month. Brenda will follow up.

Jackie Schaffer will investigate a group visit to the Natural History Museum and will advise our options.

Another potential trip suggested was Kent State Porthouse Summer Theatre at Blossom.

Our Friends Anniversary is coming up in October! Looking for suggestions on a celebration!!

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