

FRIENDS' FOOTNOTES



January 2026

President's Letter

Happy New Year to all our Friends of the Library! I hope your holidays went well, you're all rested up and ready to begin a new year of Friends' activities.

Our December potluck was very well received! We had 22 members/guests in attendance. I think everyone enjoyed the wonderful food and fellowship. Thanks to all who attended and a special thanks to Diane/Billye Tucker for the beautiful decorations and door prizes.

I would also like to thank Di for taking the minutes of our brief meeting. Di has stepped down as our Secretary, after many years of service. We still have that opening available, and if that position remains open, we'll simply "wing it." Thanks also to our wonderful Vice-President Betsy, our favorite comedic relief expert Sue, our superb Treasurer Carol, and Billye for coordinating the refreshment schedule. I appreciate you all so much and I especially thank our members who continue to attend our meetings and assist with our many fundraisers. Many hands lessen the load and you are all amazing and such a pleasure to work with!

I would also like to mention our dear friend Jean Larson passed away in December. There will be a service in Payson on Friday, February 6th at the Mt. Cross Lutheran Church at 11:00 a.m. While I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Jean as long as a lot of you did, her loving, kind spirit and beautiful smile will be remembered by us all. She will be missed dearly.

Finally, there is no meeting scheduled for January, but we will meet on Monday, February 23rd at 1:00pm in the Activity Room. I've attached a copy (*bottom of newsletter*) or link <https://pinepubliclibrary.com/friends> of our meeting list, just in case you didn't receive one at our Holiday potluck.

We will have a refreshment sign up sheet at our February meeting and I look forward to seeing you all again!

Teresa Sweeney/President 😊

Treasurer's Report for November & December:

November Treasurer's Report

Beginning Bal	11/01/25	\$11,742.73
Deposits		\$191.00
Expenses		(\$260.65)
Ending Bal	11/30/25	11,673.08

December Treasurer's Report

Beginning Bal	12/01/25	\$11,673.08
Deposits		0.00
Expenses		(\$200.00)
Ending Balance	12/31/25	\$11,473.08

Carol Trimble
Treasurer

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the December 8, 2025 Library Friends Meeting

President Teresa Sweeney called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Teresa encouraged those in attendance to join the Library Friends and participate in our events and fundraisers.

Old Business

The Treasurer and Secretary Reports will be reviewed for approval at the February 23, 2026 meeting.

Teresa reported that we are still looking for someone to serve as Secretary for the Friends.

Sharon Balentine asked whether approval had been secured to leave the summer book sale tables up between sales. Teresa reported they are still checking on this.

The 2026 meeting schedule was distributed.

New Business

Carol Trimble reported that she and Nancy Hubbs met with the Lodge at 5600 for a Wine Around the Library event there on June 6, 2026 in the afternoon. This would be a joint event with the Library Board, the Library Friends, and the Library staff. There will be a planning meeting in January, which will be emailed to the group and posted by Ann Pendleton.

Betsy Porter read "My Christmas Wish", which was a very heartwarming poem enjoyed by all.

There is no Library Friends meeting in January. The next meeting will be February 23, 2026 at 1 pm.

Nancy Bolland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 pm. Sharon Balentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Christmas Potluck followed the meeting.

Meeting minutes prepared by Friend, Diane Buechner

Members to keep in our thoughts and prayers:



If you know of someone to add to our concern list, please contact

Diane Buechner or Ann Pendleton at 476-3678

Library Manager's Report: By Ann Pendleton

Hi Library Friends!

We still have some Sees Candy left – for Valentine's Day?—or just to have some delicious candy around to enjoy? Puzzles have been very popular in the library—to check out (we have a good selection) or just to work on puzzles we keep on tables to work on within the library.

I don't know if our community is aware of this, but we take donations of puzzles, some we put in the library for checkout and some we sell at the Library Friends Bookstore located within the library. Check out our new best selling books. We try to stay current with the New York Times Best Sellers. Also, check out our website www.pinepubliclibrary.com! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday, and we hope to see you at the library. ☺



Friends of Isabelle Hunt Memorial Library Pine Library

Library Friends Annual Dues - July 1

Library Friends Meeting Schedule for Dec. 2025-Dec. 2026

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE LIBRARY ACTIVITY CENTER AT 1:00PM,
UNLESS NOTED. Activity Center behind the Museum & Cultural buildings.

December 8, 2025 12:00pm (Christmas Potluck)

January 2026 NO MEETING

February 23, 2026 1:00pm

March 2026 NO MEETING

April 27, 2026 1:00pm

May 2026 NO MEETING

Book Sale May 22-24 Memorial Day Weekend

June 22, 2026 1:00pm

Book Sale July 3- July 5 Independence Day Weekend

July 27, 2026 1:00pm

August 2026 NO MEETING

Book Sale Sept 4 – 6 Labor Day Weekend

September 28, 2026 1:00pm

October 26, 2026 1:00pm

November 2026 NO MEETING

December 7, 2026 12:00pm (Christmas Potluck)

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Teresa Sweeney, President

Betsy Porter, Vice President

TBD, Secretary

Carol Trimble, Treasurer