

# FRIENDS' FOOTNOTES



March 2026

## President's Letter

Happy Spring to Everyone!

I'm not going to say we're done with the cold weather, but it sure has been beautiful in our Pine-Strawberry communities. I hope everyone is able to get outside and enjoy the sunshine.

We had over 50 people in attendance at our February meeting. Our guest speaker was Jed O'Reilly from Arizona Game and Fish. Jed is very well versed in dealing with the elk population and gave us excellent information. We even got to see the tracking devices, currently in use, so when we see the cow elk with the necklace and earrings, we know it's not just a decoration. It was exciting to know they are trying to control the population with their relocation efforts. A friendly reminder to everyone.....PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE ELK.

We bid Au-Revoir to our own Aggie Hansen. Aggie has moved to the valley to be closer to her family, but I know we'll see her from time to time. We wish Aggie all the best!

A few things to keep in mind, please. There will be no meeting in March. Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Activity Room. We do have an upcoming ad-hoc meeting on Friday, March 20 at 11:00 am in the Library. This meeting is related to our "Wine for the Pine Library" event. We hope you are able to attend and help with this fun new version of Wine Around the Library.

Betsy Porter has arranged for Lisa and Brian Herold to speak at our April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lisa and Brian are the owners of the Lodge at 5600 and are partnering with the Library Friends for our wine event. We are so excited to hear from them and look forward to seeing you all in April!

Please be safe out there and take good care of yourselves,  
Teresa Sweeney

## Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance 02/01/2026	\$11,453.08
Deposits	\$ 0
Expenses	\$ 125.00
Ending Balance 02/28/2026	\$11,328.08

Carol Trimble  
Treasurer

## Secretary's Report:

Due to some unforeseen technical issues, our meeting format was mildly disrupted. Sue Hedman shared a cute joke with our audience. President Teresa Sweeney welcomed the 50+ guests and members to our meeting. Betsy Porter introduced our extremely enlightening guest speaker, Jed O'Reilly, from Arizona Game and Fish. Jed spoke of the ongoing issues we all experience in living amongst the elk. He shared some very important information with the group. One of the most important takeaways is **none** of us should be feeding the elk. With the four-chambered digestive system, human food is not tolerated well and can do more harm to the animals. Game and Fish provide water stations for the elk and there is plenty of vegetation for them to feed on. Jed told us of the on-going relocation effort and new elk tracking device system they are utilizing. The talk and questions were extremely informative. We are so fortunate to have Jed leading the effort to protect the health and wellbeing of our elk!

Refreshments were provided by Carol Trimble, Billye Tucker and Teresa Sweeney. We celebrated our own Aggie Hansen, with a beautiful cake. Aggie is moving down to the valley to be closer to her family. Aggie was a legend among our "Friends" group, helping in any and every way possible to ensure our success. We will miss her terribly, but we do expect to see her on occasion.

President Teresa Sweeney called the meeting to order. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Old Business:**

Aggie Hansen motioned to accept the minutes of our November and December 2025 meetings as written in the February 2026 Library Friends Newsletter. Sharon Ballentine seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Carol Trimble reported the January financial report. Betsy Porter motioned to approve the November, December and January financial reports, as listed in the February 2026 Library Friends Newsletter and January financials. Alice Natale seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Until we get our secretary position filled, Carol Trimble and Teresa Sweeney will be fulfilling its duties.

Regarding our book sale events. Teresa reported that we are not able to leave the tables of books set up between events as the room is utilized by the Strawberry Patchers group and others from our community. Betsy Porter mentioned the timing of our book sales and our upcoming "Wine for Pine Library" event in June. After some discussion regarding our book sales, Sharon Ballentine motioned we cancel the 4<sup>th</sup> of July book sale. Billye Tucker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **New Business:**

Betsy Porter mentioned our upcoming "Wine for Pine Library" event from 4:00-6:00pm on June 6<sup>th</sup>. We are partnering with the beautiful Lodge at 5600 this year! Betsy showed us the napkins she had printed for the event. She and Nancy Bollard are working together gathering donations for the silent auction. We have over 8 local artisans participating in this venture. Carol and Lindy are getting a big banner for the side of the library, to advertise the event. We saw a copy of the new logo/flyer. A total of 200 tickets will be available to the public, for \$40 per ticket. We are looking forward to this event. More details will follow soon.

Billye Tucker mentioned the refreshment sign-up sheet was on the table, so if you didn't get a chance to sign up, it will be available at our next meeting.

There is **NO** meeting scheduled for March. Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Activity Room. Our guest speakers will be Lisa and Brian Herold, owners of the Lodge at 5600. (This is a change to the speaker announced at our February meeting.)

After some lovely words about Aggie's tenure in Pine and heartfelt wishes for her new move, Helen Palmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 pm. Aggie Hansen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting minutes prepared by Teresa Sweeney

*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 are sorry to see Aggie leave for the valley. She has been such a large part of the community for many years!. We will miss seeing her coming in the library. In fact, Aggie was a valued volunteer within the library for many years as well as a Library Friends member. A great lady!

