

FRIENDS' FOOTNOTES



May 2026

President's Letter

Happy Month of May!

I hope your May is off to a bright, sunny start and life continues to treat you kindly.

Our April 27th meeting was well attended by our FOL members and our community. Brian and Lisa Herold spoke about their Lodge at 5600. They fell in love with this area, built a home and later, along with their brother, have created a beautiful venue, which accommodates both our locals and travelers. Their commitment to the Pine-Strawberry community is solid. As I mentioned last month, they have graciously agreed to host our upcoming "Wine for Pine Library" event on Saturday, June 6th. If you're unable to attend the wine event, I hope you'll make a point of visiting the lodge to enjoy the fare from their new chef.

Our Memorial Day Book Sale is fast approaching! We currently have two shifts available: Friday, May 22nd from 10:00am-noon and Sunday, May 24th from noon to 2:00pm. If you're able to work one or both shifts, please call or sign up at the library. **Thank you** to everyone who has already signed up for this community-loved event!

Next up is our "Wine for Pine Library" fundraiser on Saturday, June 6th. Hours are 4pm-6pm at the Lodge at 5600. Tickets are being sold at the library and are \$40 each. Along with the wine tasting and delicious appetizers, attendees can view and bid on our silent auction, all donated by local craftsmen and businesses. Raffle tickets are also available. All proceeds will benefit our library. Since parking will be somewhat limited, the LDS Church has graciously offered use of their East parking lot to allow guests to carpool to the event.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 22nd at 1:00 pm in the activity room. Betsy has lined up another fabulous guest speaker. Lynn Wolf is a local artisan who specializes in sketching animal portraits. She will talk about her unique talent and we're anxious to hear from her!

I've attached the minutes from our last meeting and Carol has provided the following treasurer's update, as of April 30th.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance	\$11,278.08
Deposits	\$ 281.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$11,559.08

Thank you for your continued support and I hope to see you at the book sale and/or wine event. Until then, please take good care of yourselves.

Teresa Sweeney
President, FOL



Treasurer Report: March 2026 Financials

Beginning Balance 3/1/2026	\$11,328.08
Deposits (Donation from Ponderosa Market for the Wine Event)	\$ 250.00
Disbursements (DVDs \$200, Cleaning \$100)	<u>(\$ 300.00)</u>
Ending Balance 3/31/2026	\$11,278.08

Carol Trimble, Treasurer

Secretary Report: April 27, 2026 - Meeting

President Teresa Sweeney called the meeting to order at 1 pm. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Betsy Porter introduced Lisa and Brian Herold, owners of Lodge at 5600. They shared their vision for the property and how it became a beautiful reality. Lisa and Brian were from the Seattle area and came to Arizona for a spring training game and fell in love with the area. They moved to Surprise in 2002 and bought a lot in Strawberry and built their home in 2018. They then bought the Lodge property and built the Lodge and are continuing to make enhancements.

They will host the Wine for Pine Library event on June 6th from 4-6 pm and have donated a certificate for a one-night stay for the event as well.

There were 35 people in attendance for the wonderful presentation. Ron Plantz stated he will help set up audio visual needs for future meetings. Betsy Porter reported that the speaker for the June 22nd meeting is Lynn Wolf, who does animal portraits.

Old Business

Sharon Balentine made a motion to approve the February 23, 2026 minutes as written in the April Library Friends Newsletter. Billye Tucker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Betsy Porter made a motion to approve the February 2026 Financials as written in the April Library Friends Newsletter. Debbie Tamietti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Helen Palmer made a motion to approve the March 2026 Financials. Barb Leeuw seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

Teresa reminded everyone to sign up for the Memorial Day Book Sale, along with the meeting refreshment sign-up sheet, and the June 6th Wine for Pine Library event. The sign-up sheets were on the back tables and will be brought to the Library for sign up as well. She mentioned that the group previously voted at the February meeting to not have a 4th of July Book Sale.

Carol Trimble went over the various jobs for the Wine for Pine library event, and noted that ticket holders will be given a wrist band for the event and volunteer workers will be given lanyards to wear. Carol reported that the Church has graciously offered attendees to park on the east side of their parking lot, and Carol is looking for anyone with a 9-passenger van that could shuttle attendees from there. There was discussion on whether the volunteers should buy tickets for the event; there was no conclusion regarding this issue.

The next meeting will be June 22, 2026 at 1 pm.

Carol Trimble made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 pm. Sharon Balentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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
Ann Pendleton or Diane Buechner at 928-476-3678*



Library Manager's Report: By Ann Pendleton

Get ready for **SUMMER READING 2026!**

Summer Reading begins June 2, 2026, and readers of all ages are welcome! We have fun events for little ones, teens, young adults, and adults — plus prizes for everyone who participates, including adult readers.

We hope the books you choose this summer spark imagination, adventure, and a lifelong love of reading. This year's theme is "**Unearth a Story**" featuring dinosaurs, paleontology, and archaeology — and don't forget to meet our mascot, **Digby!**



Be sure to check our website calendar for event details, dates, and times. www.pinepubliclibrary.com