

DECEMBER 18, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

- 1) CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM – Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm, quorum established. Present: Mark Alexander, Diane Decker, Grace Johnston, Diane Kelly (virtually), Melora Leiser, William McLean, Melissa Bourbon Ramirez, Meg Stouffer (virtually), Tess Tessier. Library Staff: Nancy Crews, Jody Smith

2) TREASURER'S REPORT

Total bank balance is \$43,491.59, up \$971.64 since our last meeting. Cash in is \$1,015.00 in donations and memberships, \$143.50 from the ongoing book sale, and \$51.53 in interest. Cash out is \$195.02 for the Prison Books Collective's Giving Tree, \$35.00 for annual renewal of our membership with the North Carolina Friends group, and \$8.37 in processing fees.

3) MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 161 active members. Since last meeting, we received 17 gifts totaling \$1,031. However, six of those members and gifts (totaling \$106) seem to be for Orange, CA. Grace will contact Orange County, CA, Friends to sort it out.

4) LIBRARY REPORT (Nancy Crews)

Adult Service:

Community Engagement/Programming

The Hillsborough Garden Club (HGC) has awarded a grant to the Orange County Public Library to expand and strengthen its gardening, conservation, and educational initiatives. The funding will support several key projects designed to engage the community with hands-on learning and promote environmental stewardship.

The grant will enable the library to:

- Continue a seed distribution program for patrons
- Expand the Learning Garden planting area at the Main Library
- Purchase tools, soil amendments, and other supplies to support services in the Learning Garden

Create green literacy bags/kits for use by parents, caregivers, and schools

Youth Services:

The first Tales & Tails program was a successful activity, and the handler and dog enjoyed the time with the children. Because it went so well, the program will continue in the new year.

Cuentacuentos: Spanish Storytime will take place January 17 from 10:00 to 11:00 am

Business

A \$500.00 expenditure was approved to order book sale bags.

The Fall book sale dates will be September 16 to September 20.

The Spring book sale will be March 11 to March 15.

Diane will order a banner for the Spring book sale.

Election of officers:

President: William McLean

Vice President: Diane Kelly

Treasurer: Grace Johnston

Secretary: L J "Tess" Tessier

William McLean is authorized by the Board to be a signer on the First Horizon bank account.

The Board thanks Mark Alexander for his years of service.

Meeting adjourned 7:44 pm