



**Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
August 18, 2026- 6:30 PM -OCPL Boardroom**

FOCPL President Dr. Chuck Julian called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

In the absence of the secretary, Julie Coraccio moved and Chris Villmagna seconded that for this meeting Cory Barack be appointed Secretary Pro Tem (with full voting rights). The motion carried.

The previously distributed minutes from the June 17, 2026 meeting were accepted as distributed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jeanne Finstein reported that FOCPL has a cash balance of \$8,546.62. Membership currently stands at 158 individual members and one business member. \$4,000 was paid to the OCPL for the Summer Reading Program as planned. The previously distributed Treasurers Report was accepted.

Image/Branding Update – Facebook

Bridget Carver reported on Facebook activities and posts. The group is looking for ways to grow reach and is looking at other FB pages with large followings to see if there are lessons to be learned, etc. Vice President Julie Coraccio will ensure that Bridget has full access to the page.

Project/Activities Committee Updates

Lunch with Books – October 20th falls during National Friends of Libraries Week. President Julian will purchase refreshments and attend the meeting to encourage potential membership. Program presenter will be Dr. Vincent DeGeorge who will discuss The Story of Shapes.

Carrie Leib provided a recap on the OPCL Summer Reading Program. Participant numbers were steady throughout the season. Efforts are being made to do more outreach to teens and upper elementary school age groups that are less likely to participate. The FOCPL donation helped with participation this year and for 2027. 150 people attended a pool party, with many large families as well. They're currently tabulating the total hours read by participants. President Julian spoke with Elizabeth Stifel Kline Foundation representative Harold Migias who indicated that the Foundation felt their investment in the program was money well spent.

A membership email blast promoting the Fall Booksale and Pre Sale Reception will be sent by President Julian.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Bridget Carver would like for the FOCPL to support the local free libraries. She'd like to map, organize, and restock the free libraries and post about them on social media while also promoting membership in the FOCPL. Book sources include yard sales, donations, etc. Bridget asked for permission to use FOCPL logos to promote.

Julie Coraccio made a motion of support for the initiative that was seconded by Chris Villamagna. Further discussion included general support of the ideal, opportunities to collaborate with other organizations to create additional Free Libraries. Amy Kastigar, OCPL director, indicated that the library always has extra books. The group voted unanimously in support of the initiative. Julian offered to provide information on the Free Libraries sponsored by the Virtual Lions Club of Ohio County.

The Fall OCPL Book Sale is scheduled for October 9th and 10th with a FOCPL Member Reception on Thursday, October 8th. President Julian will purchase light refreshments. Volunteers were requested to help check members in and to staff the sale. Director Kastigar indicated that Savannah Fedczyk will organize the volunteers.

FOCPL 2027-2028 Directors have changed. Tessa Weisenborn has stepped down as Treasurer. Bridget Carver has volunteered to step into that role. Linda Comins, who served on the nominating committee, has agreed to be an at-large director. The new slate will be confirmed at the January 2027 meeting. There will be no meeting in November or December.

Library Needs

Director Kastigar indicated that the library is going to explore a Ukelele Club. The club would be managed by Carrie Leib who presented program details and a funding request. Instruments would cost between \$60 - \$70 each. The program will run as both day and evening classes broken up by age groups during the school year. Tuners are needed to help players learn. Carrie will investigate local business vendor purchase options such C.A. House. Julie Coraccio made a motion to investigate moving forward, but not to exceed \$1,500. Jean Finstein seconded the motion and the group voted unanimously to proceed.

Other Business

None.

With no further business, President Julian adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

The next FOCPL board meeting will be held October 20, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the Ohio County Public Library Boardroom.

Respectfully submitted,

Cory Barack

Secretary Pro Tem on behalf of Michael Hires, Secretary