

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2026

Osage Beach Library Meeting Room

WELCOME and CALL TO ORDER – President, Holley Smothers. absent (Gina Davis filling in)

1st VP, Giina Davis called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. The meeting was held at the Osage Beach Library Meeting Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gina Davis.

Announcements:

Holley is absent.

1st VICE PRESIDENT – Gina Davis, present

No report

2ND VICE PRESIDENT – Michelle Clausen, present

Canasta

The group met at the Osage Beach Senior Center with 17 players participating. \$37 was collected and donated to the Senior Center.

Ladies Bunco

Ladies Bunco also met at the Osage Beach Senior Center and welcomed 25 attendees for a fun afternoon of games and conversation.

Everybody Bunco

Everybody Bunco was held at Dierbergs. Of the 24 people signed-up, 15 attended, likely due to the predicted bad weather. No issues were reported, and we look forward to returning to Dierbergs again next month.

Euchre

Euchre was cancelled due to low participation.

Mahjong

Mahjong has been officially approved by the board and will launch this fall.

Crafty Ladies

Crafty Ladies are currently on their summer hiatus.

Pickleball

Pickleball averaged 8 participants per week, reflecting the usual seasonal dip in summer attendance. Evites were not sent out last year so Donna Stauffer and I discussed restarting Evites this fall to help boost participation and bring in new players.

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RECORDING SECRETARY - Marti Gambill, present

July minutes were approved through a motion made by Judy Cullen and seconded by Jackie Zimmerman. These approved minutes will be posted to the website by Nancie Boland.

There was discussion regarding board reports and getting them sent out in a timely manner. A motion was made by Gina Davis and seconded by Barbara Rasko that all reports should be sent to board members by the first Monday of the month. Each board member must state whether or not they will be in attendance at the board meeting. This information will be updated in the SOP. The motion was voted on and passed.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Nicole France, absent

Correspondence

- Sent 4 thinking of you/get well cards
 - Peg Monaghan – Injury
 - Lynda Hartwick- Health Concern
 - Theresa Jorgensen – Recovery from surgery
 - Dawn Wolvek – Husband Health Concerns

TREASURER: Linda North, present

Attached are the July 2026 Operating & Scholarship bank statements and the Reconciliation Detail reports. We transferred \$5000 to CD#470553-11 at Central Bank on 7/15/2026 @ 3.45% that will mature on 5/11/2027. Please note that Quick Books does not show the CD Account. When reporting the balance in the accounts going forward, I will note the CD balance on my monthly report to the board.

Balance as of 7/31/2026

Operating Account \$10,744.17

Scholarship Account 1,528.75

Certificate of Deposit 5,000.00

Judy Cullen made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Marti Gambill seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

STANDING CHAIRS

BOOK CLUB – Mary Stewart, present

As of July 29, 2026, our Newcomers–Longtimers Book Club program has 105 book club members participating in 8 different book clubs. That's an amazing milestone—and nearly one-third of our entire membership!

We were delighted to welcome back a familiar face to the Between the Covers Book Club. Former Newcomers–Longtimers Treasurer Anita Kness has decided to rejoin the book clubs now that her term as treasurer has ended.

Here's what our book clubs were reading this month:

Lit Chicks had an outstanding month, earning two consecutive 5-star ratings! They read *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach, giving it a well-deserved 5 out of 5 stars. Their second selection, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See, also received a perfect 5-star rating.

Read Between the Wines also found a winner with *A Girl Called Samson* by Amy Harmon. It earned another 5 out of 5 stars.

Ozark Bookies read *On Mystic Lake* by Kristin Hannah and gave it a solid 4 out of 5 stars.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS – Jackie Zimmerman, present

Charities of the Month for 2026.27

October 15 Wreaths Across America

November 19 Heroes Outreach

December 17 Our Father's Table

January 21 Medical Missions for Christ

February 18 Lake Ozarks Stop Human Trafficking

March 18 Osage Beach Senior Center

April 15 Lamb House

May 22 Lake Area Industries

There was discussion about the above charities for the 2026.27 N/L year. A motion was made by Jackie Zimmerman and seconded by Mary Stewart. The motion was approved.

DINING OUT – Diana Closterman, absent

- There will be four events planned for 4th Wednesday of October, January, March and April.
- Holley's calendar indicates that a December event might be combined with Happy Hour. Will need board guidance on this since the Happy hour event is 1st Tuesday of each month. If going forth, this might be fun at Old Kinderhook since it's decorated so pretty for the holiday and the food is always great. Nice bar also.
- Capones has responded with interest in our Dining Out event since they are closed Wednesdays. I'll have this and the other 3 venues firmed up prior to the Kickoff.
- Open item - Holley and I have been discussing adding a Wine and canapes pairing event. Can this be added to the 2026 -2027 calendar? Does addition require board approval and bylaws update?

FUNDRAISING – Karen Trujillo, absent Barbara Rasko, present

Huge Kudos to Holley Smothers for creating a beautiful commemorative N/L Cookbook for our 60th Anniversary!

Thank you to all who submitted recipes, pictures, memories, and quotes. Your contributions helped create something special for this organization.

Thank you also to the sharp eyes who checked and double-checked each page for errors.

And thanks to all who have already purchased your Cookbook in advance. Our goal is to write the check and know this project is paid in full when the books are picked up prior to Kickoff on September 17.

As a thank you for helping us make that happen, the first 100 buyers will receive the delightful purse-sized N/L Planner.

Cookbooks will be available for pick up ... and purchase at Kickoff. Need to have the book shipped? You can. Check the order for shipping charges.

More sales! Help as you can. Rather make a cash donation? You can do that, too.

HAPPY HOUR – no current chair

No report

Pat Kreger and Joanne Engel will be leading September Happy Hour at the Encore. They will send the Evite and attend as co-hosts.

MEMBERSHIP – Judy Cullen, present

- We have 312 members, 193 paid in full, 119 being encouraged to pay. (so 62% of the membership are in compliance). An email has been sent to each unpaid member with payment directions. Judy will also use Venmo to collect membership dues.
- Newbie Lunch is scheduled on Tuesday, Sept. 1st at Baxters Restaurant's side room. Board members at 11:30am, Newbies at noon. Please RSVP to Judy by August 31 noon.

NEWSLETTER – Nancie Boland, present

Last month, we introduced clickable links to the newsletter for the first time (better late than never). This month, Holley and Judy worked their magic creating QR codes to streamline membership dues and cookbook sales.

PUBLICITY – Nancie Boland, present

While overall engagement has dipped slightly, we scored a major win with the Helen Russell show post, which racked up a whopping 500 hits for the remaining 5 tickets which have now been sold. We also received our first cookbook order from the Facebook page!

In a move that can only be described as "friendly boldness," I reached out to Kevin Burns to see if I could cash in on our friendship for some radio airtime to promote kickoff. His answer? Absolutely. The exact date and time are still TBD, but consider the airwaves officially warned.

Nancie has developed a list of frequently asked questions/answers for people who inquire via FB or the website about our club. We have almost 1200 followers on FB. 32 new followers within the last few days.

SCHOLARSHIP – Amy Martin, absent and Jackie Zimmerman, present

There was a discussion regarding a possible scholarship campaign to raise money this year.

SINGLE LADIES: Ellen Taylor, absent; Vicky Sandy, absent; Susan James, absent

No report

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES – Dee Long, present

- On August 21, 2026, Special Activities reserved 24 seats for the Helen Russell Dinner Show at the Eldon Community Center. We will have 3 tables of 8. We participated last year and the food and entertainment was great.

- In September, plans are underway to attend LANDSLIDE, a tribute to Fleetwood Mac at the Main Street Music Hall. The event is scheduled for Friday September 18th.
- On September 27th through October 4th, Newcomers Longtimers members will be participating in our very first cruise fundraiser activity which is so exciting! 31 members including their guests will be joining us in Boston, Massachusetts as we embark on a 7 night cruise of New England and Canada on the Norwegian Cruise Line's Breakaway! Ports of Call include Bar Harbor and Portland Maine as well as St. John's/Bay of Funday, New Brunswick and Halifax, Nova Scotia. Hopefully this will be the first of many NL sponsored cruises in the years to come. In 2027, we have secured reservations for a 7 night cruise from New Orleans to Cozumel, Honduras, Belize, and Mexico. More info to come.
- Additional upcoming activities are still in the planning stage

WEBSITE – Nancie Boland, present

Like our Facebook page, the website is a work in perpetual progress. It's being continually updated with event calendars, photos, book selections and the current directory.

PARLIMENTARIAN – Joanne Engel, present

Nothing to report

PAST PRESIDENT – Jackie Zimmerman, present

Nothing to report

ACTIVITY CHAIRS

Canasta -Mary Sue Bennett

Ladies Bunco -Pat Thompson

Everybody Bunco -Theresa Jorgensen, Rene Davis

Euchre -Sue Vondrachek

Mahjong -Crystal Williams

Crafty Ladies -Kathy Peironnet, Jackie Krokson

Pickleball -Donna Stauffer

All of the above activity chairs report to the 2nd Vice President. See above.

DINING, DIVES AND DRIVE-INS - Pat Kreger and Joanne Engel

Dining, Dives and Drive-ins venues on the 3rd Sunday of each month, 1-3pm. October-May.

We have October-Papa Chubbie's, November-Ronna's Hut, December-Full Throttle Sports Bar, set. We're working on the schedule for 2027 January-May. Our plan is to have it set by kick-off. One caveat: since our venues are the smaller out of the way places, some don't have their 2027 calendars out or are hesitant to commit that far in advance.

EVITE POC- Donna Hamilton

Donna Hamilton led an Evite class on Wednesday, August 10th. The new information about Evite will be shared in written form by Donna. An address book is present within Evite and will be used going forward. It will be updated by Judy Cullen throughout the year. This will make life much easier for our chairs who send Evites.

WWW – Marti Gambill and Ann Roskos

We are currently working on a schedule for the year and we will be ready by Kickoff.

Unfinished Business:

The 2026.27 Budget was presented to the board. Jackie Zimmerman made a motion to approve the budget and Dee Long seconded. The new budget was approved.

Kickoff Special Board Meeting 2026-this special meeting was held at a different time due to Holley's absence at this meeting.

Thursday, August 6, 2026

- Holley went over the map for the night of Kickoff at the Elks Lodge-check in, the monthly activity card/half sheet, bags,
- All activity chairs need to make a "pretty list" of their activity dates/venues (if applicable) to display on their table. The idea of this is that members can take a photo of the list for future reference. It is suggested that it be taped down so it isn't accidentally taken.
- Activity chairs will decorate their own tables. A silver table cloth will be provided. You can decorate however it makes sense to you.
- Backdrop/red carpet by the cash bar for photo booth "The Sparkle Lounge"

- Membership will be split between paid and unpaid members. Cookbooks will be available for pickup and/or purchase
- Gift bags will be given out at the door to members and guests. Bag will contain half sheet activity card, luncheon card, glow stick, and note to pick up paid Cookbook (if applicable),
- Ambassadors will take guests around if they attend by themselves.
- Food will be small bites of sweets (no meal will be provided)
- About 4:45 the program will begin. Holley will call officers, standing chairs, activity chairs and decorating committee to the front for a thank you! (These people begin moving to the front when Holley moves to the front-BRING YOUR GLOW STICK).
- Past presidents will be called up for a thank you. Holley will break the candle (glowstick) and it will move around the room with everyone breaking their candle.
- Holley will encourage guests to join and find their place in the club. Also encouraged to buy a cookbook
- All board members are encouraged to help decorate the day of from 10:00am-3:30pm
- Standing and Activity chairs' tables should be decorated by 3:30pm.
- Also consider helping clean up at the end of the night
- From Nancie Boland: We're launching a special kickoff supplement — another first! This handy insert will boost visibility for the event while doubling as a future reference guide, complete with the basic activity calendar and names of all activity chairs.

New Business:

No new business was discussed.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:02pm. Judy Cullen motioned and Barbara Rasko seconded.

The next Board Meeting will be September 10, 2026 at 10:00 am at the Osage Beach Library

PRESENT:

Michelle Clauson
 Judy Cullen
 Joanne Engel
 Linda North
 Marti Gambill
 Nancie Boland
 Jackie Zimmerman
 Dee Long
 Barbara Rasko
 Mary Stewart
 Pat Kreger
 Gina Davis

ABSENT:

Amy Martin
Nicole France
Holley Smothers
Karen Trujillo
Diane Closterman

