

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2026

Osage Beach Library Meeting Room

WELCOME and CALL TO ORDER – President, Jackie Zimmerman, absent.

1st Vice President Holley Smothers called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. The meeting was held at the Osage Beach Library Meeting Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Holley Smothers. A head count was completed and determined there were not enough members in attendance for a quorum. A meeting was held to discuss updates, all motions for votes and approvals will be tabled to the June 11, 2026 meeting.

Announcements: Jackie couldn't make it and she may not be at the luncheon either, Holley will lead next week's luncheon if Jackie cannot attend.

"Be the woman who straightens another woman's crown without anyone knowing."

In keeping with the 60th anniversary celebration of this group, the theme for this upcoming year is: "Straightening each other's crowns, shining brightly, and leading with grace." Holley handed out a small gift to all present.

1st VICE PRESIDENT – Holley Smothers, present

The April program featured a presentation of scholarship certificates to the winners. One award winner was in attendance.

The charity of the month was Angels with Tails. Mary and Mark Major were so appreciative of the generous donation that they invited the membership to tour their facilities on Tuesday, May 19th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The rain date is Friday, May 22nd.

The last luncheon meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, May 21st at Mama Citas. At the time of this meeting, 58 members had RSVP'd. The program will include the installation of the 2026-2027 officers, and the charity of the month is Lake Area Industries.

Holley also shared some information regarding Evite, see notes under Evite POC

2ND VICE PRESIDENT – Michelle Clausen, present

Cards and Games: 7 members attended Euchre and 16 participated in Cards & Games. A total of \$40 was collected at Cards & Games for the Osage Beach Senior Center. It was noted that during the March Executive Board meeting, the board did approve a voluntary collection of donations for the Osage Beach Senior Center during NC/LT events regularly taking place there, these include Canasta and Ladies Bunco.

RECORDING SECRETARY - Tracy Siegel, present

Minutes from the April meeting were presented to the board via email. Motions to approve the minutes were withheld due to the lack of a quorum, approval will be held at the June 11th meeting. A working copy of the minutes will be sent to Nancie Boland to be posted to the N/L website.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, Mary Stewart, present

Cards sent out in April, 2026

Congratulations

Amy Becket/Martin (Marriage)

Get Well

Susan Akscin

Sharon Naylor

Barb Rieter

Barb Harty

Sympathy
Janice Stone

TREASURER: Anita Kness, absent, Linda North, incoming Treasurer for 2026-2027, present
The balance in the Operating account is \$9,106.09.

The balance in the Scholarship Account is \$5291.75.

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STANDING CHAIRS

BOOK CLUB – Mary Stewart, present

Nothing new to report, there are book clubs with openings if anyone expresses an interest in joining.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS – Gina Davis, absent

We had a great April luncheon with an excellent turnout. Our charity for the month was Angels With Tails. We were able to make a generous donation of \$890.00 to this organization that supports our furry and feathered friends!

The charity for April is Lake Area Industries

The chairperson for the 2026-2027 year will be Jackie Zimmerman.

DINING OUT – Marti Gambill, absent

The April Dining Out event was held at Riverbird Winery on Thursday, April 23rd at 5:30pm. We had 34 people RSVP and 33 in attendance. The evening was wonderful with good food and atmosphere. There was a problem with service due to the chef quitting prior to our event. There was a small issue with guests not getting their food until very late and several couples had their food wrapped to go. The winery compensated them for this inconvenience.

We raised \$77 for Lake Area Industries which is our May charity of the month. This was the last Dining Out of the year.

Diana Closterman will be the chairperson for the 2026-2027 year. A co-chair position is still available.

FUNDRAISING –

New chairperson for 2026-2027 year is Karen Trujillo, there is still an opening for a co-chair.

HAPPY HOUR – Lusica Hankins, absent, Donna Hamilton, absent, Izzy Roux, incoming Happy Hour chair 2026-2027, present

The April Happy Hour was held on Tuesday, May 5th at Backwater Jack's with 32 attendees. Four people who RSVP that they were coming, did not show up. But due to three people coming who had forgotten to RSVP, the number stated to Backwater Jack's was not that much off.

Backwater Jack's did a great job with the service.

We collected \$110 for the charity of the Month.

The winner of the 80/20 raffle donated the money back to the Charity. A bottle of wine was also won by a member.

The June Happy Hour will be held Tuesday June 2nd at Stan's Bistro, Grand Glaize Inn.

Still looking for a co-chair for Happy Hour.

MEMBERSHIP – Amy Lovig, absent, Judy Cullen, incoming Membership chair 2026-2027, present

We currently have 311 members.

An updated List for invitations was distributed to current board members as well as a current Membership List on April 30, 2026 via email

Please note the new email address for membership communication,
newcomersmembershiploz@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER – Susan Akscin, present

The May Newsletter 2026 was sent to members with e-mail addresses on Thursday, April 30, 2026. A new Newsletter editor needs to be established. Nancie Boland has volunteered to produce and distribute the June/July issue.

PUBLICITY – Nancie Boland, present

1,115 followers on Facebook.

Website continues to be kept up to date

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

No report

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES – Dee Long, absent

Paint night at Matheny's is coming up on Tuesday May 26th at 6p.

SCHOLARSHIP – Abbie Cobb, absent

New chairperson for 2026-2027 year is Amy Martin. There are still opportunities for a co-chair.

SUNDAY BRUNCH aka DDD:

New chairpersons for the 2026-2027 year will be Joanne Engel and Pat Kreger.

WEBSITE – Nancie Boland, present

See report under publicity

PARLIMENTARIAN – Joanne Engel, present

Nothing to report

PAST PRESIDENT – Paula Constantini, absent

Nothing to report

ACTIVITY CHAIRS

CANASTA/BRIDGE – Mary Sue Bennett - absent

See report under 2nd vice president cards and games report

CRAFTY LADIES – Mary Patrick Stewart, present

Our last Crafty Ladies class of the season was a big success! We had 9 ladies attend, and they created painted flower pots led by Michelle Clauson. A new chairperson has been identified for the 2026-2027 year, a co-chair position is still available.

EUCHRE – Sue Vondrachek, absent

See report under 2nd vice president cards and games report

EVERYBODY BUNCO – Judy Cullen, present

Our April Bunco game had 18 players of the 23 expected. There was a major thunderstorm so schedule adjustments were understandable. It was our 1st time playing at Dierbergs in a few years

and it went very well. All players had a fun time. We had the whole 2nd floor to ourselves! We will continue to meet there for now.

New chairpersons for 2026-2027 are Theresa Jorgenson and Rene Davis

EVITE POC – Donna Hamilton, absent

Holley Smothers provided information on some additional features for the Evite system since there seems to be some issues with emails not always being received by some members of the group.

The New Format – Event Pages

Event Pages are designed primarily for phone use. The artwork displays as a square, roughly the size of a Facebook post. It's basic but free from popup ads, and the graphics and text are clear and easy to read. This could be a good option for members who have trouble receiving Evites through email — if they have a cell phone, this might solve the problem.

Concerns

- **Data usage:** If a member has a limited data plan, receiving invitations this way could result in extra charges.
- **Group import:** There doesn't appear to be an option to upload or download a group file, everyone's information has to be entered manually. To Evite's credit, it did start suggesting names and email addresses that have been previously used, so they can be added to the list. Still, that would be too much work for an activity chair managing a large group. For smaller groups — such as the single ladies' group — it might be more manageable.

Next Steps

Holley will check in with members at the May luncheon during our social time to get their thoughts. This could be something worth exploring further for next year.

Donna Hamilton is planning to hold an Evite in-service in September.

LADIES BUNCO – Pat Thompson, absent

No report

PICKLEBALL – JoAnne Glantz, absent

A new chairperson will need to be established for the upcoming year

WWW – Marti Gambill , absent

Our wonderful Working Women met on April 8th at Brick House Gastropub on the strip. We had 13 ladies RSVP with 10 in attendance (one was a guest). We had a great time with lots of laughter. The food, service and atmosphere added to our fun evening!

Our next gathering will be May 13th at Lake House 13 in Sunrise Beach.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Cookbook update: 35 cookbooks have been preordered. Several members have expressed interest in serving on the committee. Holley will send an email to the membership with instructions on how to submit recipes and reach out individually to past presidents by email or letter, asking for their memories of their presidency, photos they'd like to include, and their recipes. A meeting to discuss the cookbook is scheduled for June 3rd, 10am – 12pm, at the Osage Beach Library. A pre-order form is also attached.

NEW BUSINESS

- Scholarship into an account earning higher interest – Lending Club was suggested by Nancie Boland, the account earns 4.5% interest and requires a \$250 deposit every month while

keeping the assets liquid if they are needed. This option may require a SSN or EIN. Linda North will research rates at various institutions and present at next month's meeting.

- Mahjong with Cristal Williams – New member Crystal Williams has offered to teach club members how to play (and enjoy) Mahjong with a hope that a regular bi-monthly game schedule could be set up for all interested members.

Propose:

1. At the Dierberg's 2nd level, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 9:30am to 11:30am she could meet with up to 12 players to gently guide them through the mysteries of the ancient game.
2. Once the initial group is engaged more players could be continually added so each table of 4 would include one or two knowledgeable players.
3. If member interest persists for four months, we could move from a "Teaching" event into a more competitive "Playing" event where more advanced players could join in for a pick-up game (after a quick rule review to ensure a happy, supportive experience).
4. If approved, Crystal could start as early as June 9th or whenever it works best for the club.
5. This would be a year-round game.

Crystal Williams has experience teaching, playing and has even served as an event judge for a business in Kansas City that ran an open tournament with a \$100 prize for winning. She started a Mahjong group with the Johnson County Matrons that has run a 5 table, bi-monthly game for over 25 years and continues still today!

She misses those ladies and is hoping to ignite a passion for the game here in our area. Her knowledge and experience make her an excellent founder for a game schedule. As expected, she will be teaching the official American standard game with the official 2026 Cards but she is aware of the differences in games such as the territorial variations in the rules in the Philippines and Chinatown in San Francisco.

Besides being a respected Mahjong teacher for the in-person game, she has experience with the Mahjong card play, playing remotely and even mentioned that there are Mahjong Tournament Cruises.

This could be a nice addition to our club's games.

Motions for adding this event to the calendar were tabled to the June 11th meeting due to lack of a quorum. Due to the delay, the activity could not begin until June 23rd at the earliest.

- Executive board positions for the 2026-2027 year – Holley distributed a working copy of the Executive Board along with the standing and activity chairs. See attached.
- Mary Patrick Stewart will lead the induction of new officers at the luncheon meeting on May 21st if Jackie Zimmerman is unable to attend.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 am.

The next Board Meeting will be June 11, 2026 at 2:15pm at the Osage Beach Library.

Attendees	Absent
Susan Akscin Nancie Boland Michelle Clauson Judy Cullen Joanne Engel Linda North Izzy Roux Tracy Siegel Holley Smothers Mary Stewart	Abbie Cobb Paula Constantini Gina Davis Marti Gambill Joanne Glantz Donna Hamilton Lusica Hankins Susan James Dee Long Amy Lovig Anita Kness Vicky Sandy Ellen Taylor Sue Vondrachek Pat Thompson Jackie Zimmerman

NEWCOMERS/LONGTIMERS EXECUTIVE BOARD
Standing and Activity Chairs
2026 – 2027

Executive Board

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| • President | Holley Smothers |
| • 1 st VP | Gina Davis |
| • 2 nd VP | Michelle Clausen |
| • Recording Secretary | Marti Gambill |
| • Corres. Secretary | Nicole France |
| • Treasurer's Report | Linda North |

• **Standing Chairs**

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| ○ Book Clubs | Mary Stewart |
| ○ Com. Awareness | Jackie Zimmerman |
| ○ Dining Out | Diana Closterman |
| ○ Fundraising | Karen Trujillo & _____ |
| ○ Happy Hour | Izzy Roux & _____ |
| ○ Membership | Judy Cullen |
| ○ Newsletter | Nancie Boland – for the summer only |
| ○ Publicity | Nancie Boland |
| ○ Single Ladies | Susan James, Vicky Sandy, Ellen Taylor |
| ○ Special Activities | Dee Long |
| ○ Scholarship | Amy Martin & _____ |
| ○ Sunday Brunch (DDD) | Joanne Engel & Pat Kreger |
| ○ Webmistress | Nancie Boland |
| ○ Parliamentarian | Joanne Engel |
| ○ Past President | Jackie Zimmerman |

• **Activity Chairs**

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| • Crafty Ladies | Kathy Peironnet |
| • EUCHRE | Sue Vondrachek |
| • Everybody Bunco | Teresa Jorgensen & Rene Davis |
| • Evite POC: | Donna Hamilton |
| • Ladies Bunco | Pat Thompson |
| • Pickle Ball | _____ |
| • WWW | Marti Gambill & Ann Rosko |

• **OTHER**

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| • Kickoff | Diana Closterman & Shirley Baker _____ |
| • Raffle | Nancy Macy & _____ |

Newcomers/Longtimers Cookbook Pre-Order Form

New Fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund

Contact Information:

- Name: _____
- Phone Number (Cell): _____
- Email Address: _____

Order Details:

- Price per Cookbook: \$20.00
- Quantity: _____
- Total Amount Due: \$_____

Payment Method (Please check one)

- ☐ Cash (Paying at Luncheon)
- ☐ Check (Payable to N/L Club)
- ☐ Venmo (Sent to: @Holley-PowellSmothers)
 - *Note: Please include "Cookbook and Your Name" in the Venmo memo.*

Get Involved!

We want this book to represent our entire community. Please let us know if you can help:

- ☐ I would like to submit a recipe!
- ☐ I want to join the Cookbook Committee! (**First meeting, Wednesday, June 3rd from 10-12**)

Please send cash or check (made out - NL) to Holley Smothers,
30589 Timberlake Village Cir., Rocky Mount, MO 65072