

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2026

Osage Beach Library Meeting Room

WELCOME and CALL TO ORDER – President, Holley Smothers. present

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 Nicole France.

Announcements:

Jackie Zimmerman received her Past President's gift for her service. She expressed her sincere thank you for the gift and shared her gratitude for N/L and the friends she has made along the way. Thank you Jackie for your service!

Quotes from members about what the club means to them are needed for the back of the cookbook.

1st VICE PRESIDENT – Gina Davis, present

Holley reported that JB Hooks will be the first venue for our Luncheon Meetings.

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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******An Evite class will be held to teach new chairs how to use it.**

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

RECORDING SECRETARY - Marti Gambill, present

Minutes from April and May board meetings were approved via email.

The June board meeting minutes were approved in a motion by Judy Cullen and seconded by Nicole France

April, May and June minutes will be sent to Nancie Boland for posting on the website.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Nicole France, present**Correspondence**

- Sent 5 get well/thinking of them on behalf of the chapter.
 - Susan Akscin
 - Kathy Peironnet
 - Ann Beecher
 - Mindi Lamar
 - Mary Bustin
- Sent 2 sympathy card
 - Judy Jansma (passing of husband)
 - Alicia Lange (passing of father-in law)
- Sent 1 Thank you Card to Organization
 - Pepperoni Bills (Cruise Get-Together Meeting)

Purchases – Receipts Turned into Treasurer

- Dollar Tree- \$14.75- Get Well Cards/ Sympathy Card for immediate need.
- Amazon- \$24.51 72 Pack & 24 Pack Sympathy Cards/ Get Well Cards

TREASURER: Linda North, present

The balance in the Operating account is \$ 10,443.02

The balance in the Scholarship Account is \$ 6,148.75

April and May Treasurer's Report approved via email.

The June Treasurer's Report was approved with a motion by Jackie Zimmerman and seconded by Michelle Clausen.

STANDING CHAIRS

BOOK CLUB – Mary Stewart, absent

What an exciting month for our book clubs! I'm thrilled to report that we welcomed six new members into our wonderful reading community. It's always exciting to see our clubs continue to grow to 104 members!

 Between the Covers welcomed Caroline Subbrock

 Ozark Bookies welcomed Patty Scott &

Margo Sweetland.

 Lit Chicks welcomed Bonnie Kuebler

 Happy Hour Honeys gained two new members, Barbara Rasko & Roma France

We also had a change in leadership this month. After many years of dedicated service, Kathy Miller, facilitator of Between the Covers, stepped down. Kathy has been an incredible part of our book club family, and we thank her for everything she has done over the years. We wish her all the best and hope she knows she'll always have a special place in our hearts. ❤️

The good news is that two familiar faces have graciously stepped forward to co-facilitate Between the Covers. A warm welcome and heartfelt thank-you to Janet Bubb and Mary Kay Kawelaska for taking on this role. We know they'll do a fantastic job, and we're excited for this new chapter!

COMMUNITY AWARENESS – Jackie Zimmerman, present

Jackie will go back two years to check the charities our club supported in the past. She will bring a list to the August board meeting regarding possibilities for the year.

DINING OUT – Diana Closterman, absent

No report

FUNDRAISING – Karen Trujillo, absent Barbara Rasko, present

There are currently 40 presales for the Cookbook, but we would like 100 by the time it goes to press. If this occurs, the club will not have to front any of the costs for printing. The committee is looking for ways to market the Cookbook to our club members and the public. Some people want to donate money to the scholarship fund in lieu of buying a cookbook.

It was discussed that a QR code (for our PO Box address) be used/created to get info out to people on how to buy or donate money.

There was also a discussion about using Venmo for paying/ordering Cookbooks or donating money to the scholarship fund. Holley will use her Venmo account for this purpose.

HAPPY HOUR – Izzy Roux, absent and Barb Reiter, absent

No report

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.

NEWSLETTER – Nancie Boland (summer only), present

Submit newsletter article by the 15th of each month

You may also notice something new in the newsletter—clickable links. One will take you directly to the website, and the other goes straight to the recipe submission form. This is our first time including links within the body of the newsletter, and it should make things quicker and easier for everyone.

The August newsletter is currently being drafted and will focus on our upcoming kickoff. If you have anything you would like included, please send it as soon as possible. Plans do not have to be finalized—any details you can share early (aside from the date, time, and location) will help with promoting it on both the website and Facebook.

PUBLICITY – Nancie Boland, present

As expected during a busy summer at the lake, Facebook engagement is down about 35%. However, we did see an impressive spike on June 15, with 1,500 views. Two posts contributed to that surge: one highlighting our charitable donations and another featuring a sample recipe submission from Miss Holley.

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

No report

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES – Dee Long, present

- June 25 - A precruise meeting at Pepperoni Bill's and the service, food and room were wonderful.
- August 21- 3 tables-24 spots have been reserved for Helen Russell at Eldon Community Center. Tickets cost \$30
- September/October - N/L First Cruise has 34 participants. Norwegian Cruise Line will rebate approximately \$1700 for room bookings.
- December 5-12 2027 Cruise - 7 night Caribbean cruise leaving from New Orleans. The cruise ports will be Cozumel, Roatan Bay, Honduras, Belize and Mexico. Cost is \$951 per person with first payment due the middle of next year. 29 cabins have been reserved which would result in approximately \$2900 in rebate coming back to the club for the Scholarship Fund. There will be a preparty in New Orleans for those participants who are interested.

The board approved this event with a motion made by Dee Long and a second by Judy Cullen. Dee will put out a Save the Date to club members through Evite.

SCHOLARSHIP – Amy Martin, present and Jackie Zimmerman, present

Columbia College and State Fair will be the colleges used for scholarship applicants. Students must be residents of Camden, Miller or Morgan counties.

SUNDAY BRUNCH aka DDD (in the future, this activity will be under “Activity Chairs”): Pat Kreger, absent and Joanne Engel, present

No report

WEBSITE – Nancie Boland, present

The website has had a fresh update, and there is a lot to explore!

If you received an email requesting a photo, please send me your favorite picture so I can add it to our Board of Directors page. It is always nice to put faces with the names that keep everything running.

You will also find a “Save the Date” for our kickoff event now posted under Upcoming Events on the calendar page—be sure to take a look and mark your calendar.

The Book Nook has been stocked with 10 titles, each with a brief synopsis to help you choose your next great read. The most current membership directory is also now available on the website.

While I do my best to keep everything accurate and up to date, I would appreciate you taking a moment to review any pages related to your area or activity. No one knows it better than you do, and your input helps ensure everything stays complete and correct.

PARLIMENTARIAN – Joanne Engel, present

Nothing to report

PAST PRESIDENT – Jackie Zimmerman, present

Nothing to report

ACTIVITY CHAIRS

CANASTA/BRIDGE – Mary Sue Bennett

See report under 2nd Vice President

CRAFTY LADIES – Kathy Peironnet and Jackie Krokson

See report under 2nd Vice President

EUCHRE – Sue Vondrachek

See report under 2nd Vice President

EVERYBODY BUNCO – Theresa Jorgansen and Rene Davis

See report under 2nd Vice President

EVITE POC – Donna Hamilton

No report

LADIES BUNCO – Pat Thompson

See report under 2nd Vice President

PICKLEBALL – Donna Stauffer

See report under 2nd Vice President

WWW – Marti Gambill and Ann Roskos

No report

Unfinished Business:

- April & May – April & May minutes and treasurer's reports were approved by email vote.)
- Cookbook – Holley Smothers – 40 books have been sold. 60 more to go. Extra incentive for those who purchase the first 100.
- Change of Handbook:
 - Purpose to Mission Statement and align-A motion was made by Gina Davis and seconded by Nicole France. The motion was approved.
 - The purpose of the Club is to bring together women to foster social connections, encourage community involvement, and support designated charities through fundraising efforts in the Lake of the Ozark area.
 - Mission Statement The Newcomers/Longtimers Club is dedicated to bringing women together to create meaningful friendships, foster a sense of belonging and inspire women to make a positive difference in the Lake of the Ozarks community. Through volunteering, fundraising, and service we support local charities and provide scholarships to area students.
 - Under Scholarships, 4th paragraph, change the donation address to the P.O. Box 1262, Lake Ozark, MO 65049 - A motion was made by Jackie Zimmerman and seconded by Dee Long. The motion was approved.
 - Cards & Games, change to Canasta. Also take out Bridge - A motion was made by Linda North and seconded by Michelle Clausen. The motion was approved.
 - Removal of activity locations out of the handbook - A motion was made by Nicole France and seconded by Gina Davis. The motion was approved.
 - Change name of Diners, Drive-in & Dives to Diners, Dives and Drive-ins. This was approved in the May board minutes.

New Business:

- Kickoff-September 17th, Elks, 4-6pm, 21 people attended the Kickoff meeting, Sparkle and Shine-lots of bling will be the theme. Get your sparkly outfits ready!
- Kickoff/Raffle- Discussion was held about asking businesses for donations for raffle prizes. Jackie Zimmerman made a motion that we do not ask the community/businesses for donations and Barbara Rasko seconded. This motion was approved. Raffle prizes will be donated by club members who may have their own business. We will be selling raffle tickets and cookbooks at Kickoff. Holley also has a planner as an incentive for the first 100 cookbooks to be prepaid. Leftover planners will be sold to offset the past president no fee. It will go into the general fund for line items that need funding.
- Kickoff cards-Our printing budget is \$900 (Holley will send updated numbers)
 - Handbook \$377.24
 - Monthly Master card \$145.46
 - Luncheon Cards/Charity of the Month \$80.53
 - Total printing for Kickoff (including all activities in addition to above) \$994.08
Kickoff printing put us \$94.08 over budget.
 - TOTAL printing for the year was \$13991.87

Holley is working with Lake Printing to get us the best deals we can get to save money for this year.

- At the April luncheon meeting, a member passed around a bag to collect more money for the charity. This cannot happen again as it creates an uncomfortable situation. It puts members on the spot and in an awkward situation if they do not want to give money. If you hear anyone talking about wanting to give more, they can do that individually and give it directly to the charity. No one may pass around a "collection bag".
- The Unique Boutique-Special Committee will be formed to manage this event. Possibly open up the boutique to the public so there are more buyers.
- A motion was made by Barbara Rasko to renew our website early if a deal is offered for early renewal. It was seconded by Jackie Zimmerman and approved.
- Budget for 2026-27 A motion was made by Nicole France to table the approval of the new budget until the August board meeting. Jackie Zimmerman seconded and the motion was approved.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:02pm. Judy Cullen motioned and Nicole France seconded.

The next Board Meeting will be August 13, 2026 at 10:00 am at the Osage Beach Library.

Present:

Michelle Clausen

Judy Cullen

Joanne Engel

Linda North
Holley Smothers
Marti Gambill
Nancie Boland
Nicole France
Jackie Zimmerman
Dee Long
Barbara Rasko
Amy Martin
Theresa Jorgansen

Absent:

Diana Closterman
Susan James
Vicky Sandy
Ellen Taylor
Mary Stewart
Izzy Roux
Barb Reiter

