

ELP BOARD MEETING NOTES

October 15, 2025
Call to Order: 8:35 am
Adjourned: 8:51 am

Attendance

x Adkins, Sarah	Elliott, Jessica	x Keese, Savanna	Owens, Robin
x Barber, Katie	Farris, Tina	Lisk, David	x Pollock, Casey
Bentley, Daniel	x Faulkenberry, Tom	x Mendoza, Dawn	x Taubenkimel, Cindy
x Bush, Niki	x Frothingham, Judy	x Moore, Laura	x Taylor, Ashley
Close, Will	Green, Carolyn	Neelands, Angel	x Thompson, James
Echols, Sylvia	x Green, Courtney	Nichols, Erin	White, Jamie
Edwards, Martha	x Hubbard, Rachel	Owens, Erin	Williams, Lisa-Anne

Minutes

Welcome

Presenter: Laura Moore

- Welcome
- Percentage of board members who've contributed some or all of their pledge: 31%
- Approval of September 2025 meeting minutes
 - Motion to approve – Judy Frothingham
 - Second – Casey Pollock
 - September 2025 minutes unanimously approved

Financial Report

Presenter: Ashley Taylor

- Bank Balance as of 09/30/2025: \$40,570.02
- Schwab Balance as of 09/30/2025: \$159,510.96
- Total Cash: \$200,080.98
- Total Donations in September: \$3,217.11
 - EW Process: \$1,000
 - Shaun Barnes: \$1,000
- ROR
 - Credits Spent: \$4,402.56
 - ROR Credits Earned as Income: \$11,350.50
 - ROR Credits Remaining: \$ 16,825.37
- Net Income as of 09/30/2025: (\$9,050.11)

Programs Report

Presenter: Niki Bush

- Book Donations
- Reach Out and Read update

Laura Moore: Has the meeting with David and Rachel (with SouthernMeds, regarding Reach Out and Read) been scheduled yet?

Rachel Hui-Hubbard: Not yet.

Executive Director Report

Presenter: Rachel Hui-Hubbard

- Book Vending Machine unveiling – see Cindy’s email from 10/14/2025
(A grant from Comporium made this possible)
- Growing community book giveaways to prepare for possible ROR changes. Partnerships with YC Library (volunteer opportunity), Winthrop, Historic Rock Hill, Rock Hill Symphony (volunteer opportunity), Clover School District
 - Clover Preschool classes

Workgroup Reports

Presenter: Laura Moore

Workgroups have been assigned:

- **Board Connection:** Sarah Adkins, Jessica Elliott, Casey Pollock, James Thompson
- **Thank You Notes:** Tom Faulkenberry, Carolyn Green, Courtney Green, Robin Owens, Erin Owens
- **Strategic Planning:** Daniel Bentley, Laura Moore, Lisa-Anne Williams
- **Education:** Katie Barber, Sylvia Echols, Savanna Keese, Jamie White
- **Endowment / Finance:** Ashley Taylor
- **Events / Fundraising:** Judy Frothingham, Dawn Mendoza, Erin Nichols

Special Vote: Change to By-Laws

Presenter: Laura Moore

- Board meeting date in ELP by-laws needs to be updated to reflect our current schedule. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, from September to May.
 - Motion to approve – Katie Barber
 - Second – James Thompson
 - Change to by-laws unanimously approved

Special Session: Fundraising

Presenter: Judy Frothingham

- Breakout room focus will be on fundraisers for this fiscal year
- Ideas include: Kentucky Derby party; brewery trivia nights; restaurant sponsors/percentage night; book collection at breweries/story time; road race or fitness challenge
- Breakout group results to be announced by group representatives

For Your Calendars:

- Happy Birthday Tom Faulkenberry! (10/25)
- ParentSmart Community Open House: 10/21 5pm-6:30pm at 501 Belleview Rd, Rock Hill. Book vending machine unveiling at 4:30 pm.

Cindy Taubenkimel: Our book vending machine arrived yesterday. It's positioned on the main hall. The community is invited to open house, so please share the details.

- Rock Hill Symphony Free Family Concert "Songs and Stories": 10/26 at 4:00pm
 - Volunteers needed!
- Next ELP board meeting will be via Zoom: Wednesday 11/19 at 8:30am