

**MONTHLY MEETING  
FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MAY 13, 2024**

**PRESENT**

Board Members: Linda Atwood, Dudley Ellis, Chris Evans, George Fowler, Judy Goddard, Dantrea Hampton, Arba Kenner, Lori Macintire, Margie Moore, Julie Roney, Jean Ruark, Judy Stratton, Glenn Thomas, and Charlene VanWinkle.

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by President Arba Kenner in the Community Room. Roll taken by Secretary Charlene VanWinkle.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the April 8, 2024, Friends Board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Minutes approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Chris Evans presented the April 2024 treasurer's report (attachment #1.) A debit occurred for taxes; checks written for the Jazz performers, the Photoshop System, and bookstore supplies. The CD at WesBanco will come due July 14, 2024.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Dudley Ellis gave the membership report. He reported for April 2024 there were 12 new or renewed members. We have 539 members in good standing. Our database contains 1756 contacts. Renewal notices will be reported next month.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Julie Roney presented the April 2024 bookstore financial report (attachment #2). The store was closed April 2nd due to storms. A \$100 Benefactor Membership received. Sales occurred on a Friday when the store was closed. Credit card sales are increasing. For January -April of 2023, credit card sales were 38.1% and cash 61.9% as compared to January - April of 2024 with credit card sales of 45.3% and cash 54.7% of the bookstore receipts.

**BOOKSTORE REPORT**

Judy Stratton reported the next Book Sale is in August. Ideas for the Humpty T-shirts discussed with Judy given permission to dispose of the ones remaining. The bookstore will have a 40%/30% sale June 3-8.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Scholarship Committee - Judy Goddard, Chair, reported the committee received 12 applications. Kayley Robinson from Franklin County High School and Marae Mallard from Frankfort High will each be awarded a \$2000 scholarship. Both will be announced at their respective Honor's Day programs. A reception for former and current scholarship recipients will be held in June.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Memorial Bricks – Bricks were ordered for former Board members Carolyn Keltner and Lynn Russell.

Form for Friends donations in Honor/Memory- Arba Kenner developed a form for individuals making a donation to the Friends in someone's memory. The form is now available in the bookstore.

Plaque to Accompany “Eggcited” Sculpture -Josephine Sculpture Park will be sending Jean Ruark a proof to review and approve.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

Library Director Jean Ruark thanked the Friends Board for funding the Jazz performers and purchasing the Photoshop System. Art exhibits will occur in June and August displayed on the panels purchased by the Friends Board. Adding art and live music has the potential to bring new people into the library. Dalton Bennett of the library staff is offering VR experiences; the Anne Frank experience has been well-received. Sign-ups are encouraged. The library is preparing for Summer Reading: registration begins May 28th, a week of fun activities begins June 3rd, and age-specific programs start June 10th. Jean reported that in talking with other librarians, our Friends group has a good reputation.

Linda Atwood regretfully announced her resignation from the Board; this is her last meeting. Members expressed appreciation to Linda for her work on behalf of the organization.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting will be June 10, 2024, at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

**ADJOURNMENT** -The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM by President Kenner.

Submitted by Charlene VanWinkle