

**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**JULY 8, 2024**

**PRESENT**

Board Members: Mary Lynn Collins, Dudley Ellis, Chris Evans, Donna Farmer, George Fowler, Dantrea Hampton, Arba Kenner, Lori Macintire, Judy Martin, Margie Moore, Leah Ritter, Julie Roney, Jean Ruark, Judy Stratton, Glenn Thomas, Russ Wright, and Charlene VanWinkle.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by President Arba Kenner in the Community Room. Roll taken by Charlene VanWinkle.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the June 10, 2024, Friends Board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Minutes approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Chris Evans presented the June 2024 treasurer's report (attachment #1.) A debit occurred for taxes; a check written for bookstore supplies. The CD at WesBanco comes due July 14, 2024; Chris given Board approval to explore rates and purchase a new CD with the most favorable.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Dudley Ellis gave the membership report. He reported for June 2024 there were 54 new or renewed members. We have 507 members in good standing. Our database contains 1773 contacts. A total of 32 renewal notices sent.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Julie Roney presented the June 2024 bookstore financial report (attachment #2). The bookstore was open on Friday, June 7th.

**BOOKSTORE REPORT**

Judy Stratton reported the next book sale is August 13-17 with set-up on the 12th. Mary Lynn Collins said the bookstore is doing well. The cookbook section is being reduced to add more space for children's books.

Margie Moore reported that all teachers in the Franklin County Schools are meeting in a central location on July 31st. The library is distributing goody bags and will include a book sale notice in each. The bookstore will provide a limited time 20% off coupon for each teacher. Margie is working on a date for Frankfort Independent Schools and will provide bags to the local private schools.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Project Committee – George Fowler, Chair, reported the committee received a funding request to sponsor a local author’s book launch by purchasing 300 copies of the new release; the bookstore would own any copies not sold on launch night and would keep all profits. The Board discussed the problem of storing the unsold books, the extra work this would cause the bookstore workers and managers, and the anticipated difficulty in selling this number of copies. The Project Committee recommended not funding this proposal; the Friends Board accepted the committee’s recommendation and voted to decline the request.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Appointment of Nominating Committee- Dudley Ellis, Donna Farmer, Leah Ritter, Mary Lynn Collins, Russ Wright, and Arba Kenner will serve with a chair to be determined.

Mary Lynn Collins reminded the Board of Spellalooza on August 2nd at 5. Leah Ritter and Arba Kenner are members of the library team. Donations for the team’s honeypot are encouraged.

A thank you note and donation received from Bob Schmitt expressing appreciation for the sidewalk brick in honor of Carolyn Keltner. Her friends are sponsoring a team representing Fresh Start at Spellalooza.

The Public Relations Committee will meet before the next Friends meeting to discuss bookstore signage in light of the increasing number of out-of-town visitors to the library.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Jean Ruark, Director, reported it has been a busy summer. The exhibit in the main area of the library will remain for 2 more weeks then be replaced with works of art by John Adams Dickson of Danville. The Kentucky Arts Council recommended this artist. Jean thanked the Friends for the purchase of the display panels as it is allowing art to be brought to the library.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting will be August 12, 2024, at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

**ADJOURNMENT** -The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM by President Kenner.

Submitted by Charlene VanWinkle, Secretary