

MONTHLY MEETING
FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY
AUGUST 12, 2024

PRESENT

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM by Vice-President Dudley Ellis in the Community Room. Roll taken by Charlene VanWinkle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Evans presented the July 2024 treasurer's report (attachment #1.) A debit occurred for taxes; checks written for bookstore supplies, scholarships, and Spellapalooza. The CD at WesBanco came due July 14, 2024; First Federal had the best current rate. Chris purchased one coming due February 15, 2025, at 5.25% -5.36 APR. Chris reported the total interest earned since purchasing the first CD.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dudley Ellis gave the membership report. He reported for July 2024 there were 37 new or renewed members. We have 508 members in good standing. Our database contains 1787 contacts. A total of 50 renewal notices sent.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Julie Roney presented the July 2024 bookstore financial report (attachment #2). The bookstore was closed on July 4th. Sales recorded on two days the bookstore was closed. July was a good financial month for the bookstore.

BOOKSTORE REPORT

Judy Stratton reported the book sale set-up was today with the sale beginning tomorrow. George Fowler stated there is a great deal of good vinyl included in this sale. One more volunteer is needed to assist with the Gathering of Authors later this month.

Mary Lynn Collins discussed the need for signage to attract visitors and River Room program participants to the bookstore. The bookstore will be included in the next Frankfort tourist brochure. The PR committee and Jean Ruark will meet soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee- Dudley Ellis reported the committee had its first meeting and was making progress on next year's officers and directors. Arba Kenner and Russ Wright will be completing their two-year terms of office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Spellapalooza - The Spellapalooza was August 2nd with Leah Ritter and Arba Kenner representing PSPL and the Friends. The team made it to the Final Four but was stumped by desiccate; the Sit a Spell costumes were a hit. The amount Thornhill raised was a record. There was a good showing of Friends members to support the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Friends of KY Libraries meeting - Mary Lynn Collins reported this will be October 5th in Bardstown.

LIBRARY NEWS

Jean Ruark, Director, reported, the Humpty statue donor plaque was installed today.

Margie Moore, Youth Services Director, presented the Summer Reading Report. The participation reached the 2019 level: 1,132 Birth-5th graders, 618 day-care and elementary summer care enrollees, 340 6th-12th graders, and 590 adults. In June and July, 89 public programs were held with 6,016 participants. The Outreach Van provided 54 programs with 2,264 participants. Staff manned tables at 15 community events with contact with 3,104 people. There were 13 special group visits with 562 participants. Margie thanked the Friends Board for providing the funding for Summer Reading.

Teacher Discount Coupons for the bookstore were distributed to the Franklin County Schools teachers and delivered to Second Street School. Frankfort High School and the local private schools will receive their coupons soon.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be September 9, 2024, at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

ADJOURNMENT -The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 PM by Vice-President Ellis.

Submitted by Charlene VanWinkle, Secretary