

**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

**PRESENT**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM by President Arba Kenner in the Community Room. Roll taken by Charlene VanWinkle.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the August 12, 2024, Friends Board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Minutes approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Chris Evans presented the August 2024 treasurer's report (attachment #1.) A debit occurred for taxes; check written for Book Sale workers. The CD at First Federal comes due February 15, 2025, at 5.25% - 5.36 APY.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Dudley Ellis gave the membership report. He reported for August 2024 there were 64 new or renewed members. We have 507 members in good standing. Our database contains 1808 contacts. A total of 23 renewal notices sent.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Julie Roney presented the August 2024 bookstore financial report (attachment #2).

**BOOKSTORE AND BOOK SALE REPORTS**

Judy Stratton reported the results of the August Book Sale (attachment #3.) This was the most profitable book sale ever, but it did include 5 months of accumulated donations. The leftovers were picked up by the same local church. We donated eight \$25 bookstore gift cards for the Library Card Bingo winners. The next Book Sale will be November 19-23 with set-up on the 18th. The Volunteer Luncheon is December 6th at noon. A 40%/30% bookstore sale is planned for September 30 – October 5.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nominating Committee- Dudley Ellis reported the 2025 slate of officers and board members as suggested by the committee. The Friends Board voted to approve the slate as presented by the committee. Dudley reminded board members that a paid-up membership is required.

Public Relations Committee – Leah Ritter and Lori Macintire reported the committee met to discuss needed signage to remind PSPL patrons and inform visitors of the bookstore and the purpose of the Friends organization. Three signs are recommended: banner for the front of the library, a bookstore “sandwich” sign, and an informative sign listing what has been provided by the Friends and encouraging membership in the Friends. Another recommendation is to provide a Friends bookmark and coupon to new library card holders. The Friends Board voted approval of up to \$500 for signage and bookmarks. Leah has a draft for the informative sign and will email it to board members for corrections and additions. The State Journal will be contacted about an article during National Friends of Libraries Week. The Chamber of Commerce will also be contacted to discuss membership.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Friends of KY Libraries meeting - Will be held October 5th in Bardstown with registration open until September 17th.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Square Administration – Julie Roney informed the Board the current administrator, Manoj Shanker, is moving and will be unable to continue after November. The Friends Board approved Jean Ruark to be the new administrator of the Square Account for the bookstore credit card business. Manoj is listed as the “owner” of the account and will investigate how to get this changed.

Annual Meeting in October- This is a potluck with chicken provided and all current members of the Friends invited. Dudley will invite the proposed new board members.

Important Dates- September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. First Presbyterian Church is hosting an Author’s Night September 12th at 7PM. Banned Books Week is September 22-28. October 20-26 is National Friends of Libraries Week.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

Jean Ruark, Director, reported the Library Card Month Brochure includes a wonderful list of community participants.

One of the Spellalooza participants, Missy Brown Ross, is reading from her poetry tomorrow in the library. Thank you notes from the scholarship recipients were read. Sympathy was expressed to Margie Moore on the passing of her mother.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting, our annual, will be October 14, 2024, at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

**ADJOURNMENT** -The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 PM by President Kenner.

Submitted by Charlene VanWinkle, Secretary