

**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**JANUARY 13, 2025**

**PRESENT**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Dudley Ellis, President, in the Community Room. Roll taken by Cheryl Sandefur.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the December 9, 2024 Friends board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. The minutes were approved with one correction. The Financial report was corrected to list Diane Prater's donation was made in honor of *Gail Price*. Arba Kenner made a motion to accept the minutes with the name correction. Russ Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Chris Evans presented the December 2024 treasurer's report (attachment #1). The CD comes due on February 15th. Board tabled the discussion on what to do with the CD until February.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Dudley Ellis gave the membership report. He reported there were 17 new or renewed members added for December 2024. We have 518 members in good standing. Our database contains 1,859 contacts. A total of 20 renewal notices were sent. Cloyd Stratton will take over reporting about membership.

**BOOKSTORE FINANCIAL REPORT**

Julie Roney presented the December 2024 Bookstore financial report (attachment #2). The library was closed on December 12, December 24-26 and December 31st.

**BOOKSTORE /BOOK SALE UPDATE**

Judy Stratton reported the Christmas sale is still ongoing. We received a donation from David and Margaret Leeco in honor of David's mother.

Mary Lynn Collins reported the store was opened on Saturday only the week of January 5-11<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather. The Kentucky Book Sale coordinators have contacted us with an offer to sell us the leftover books submitted for consideration. We will pay a nominal fee per book and they will deliver the books to us.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Leah Ritter will write a thank you letter for the graphics on the sandwich board outside the bookstore.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The seats for the working committees of the board were set as follows (full roster shown in attachment #3):

Continuing Education Grant (Charlene VanWinkle explained PSPL employees may apply for grants for continuing education in library services). 2025 committee members are Arba Kenner, chair; Charlene VanWinkle; Dudley Ellis; Julie Roney; Jean Ruark.

Historical Marker (Russ Wright explained The Friends want to establish a historical marker recognizing the first non-school related African American library in downtown Frankfort. The project has been on hold while construction downtown has been ongoing. They will explore the possibility of continuing the project during 2025.) 2025 committee members are Russ Wright, chair; Mary Lynn Collins; Dudley Ellis; George Fowler; Dantrea Hampton

Project Proposal: This committee reviews, researches, and presents recommendations for funding requests over \$1,000.00. The requests usually come from the Library Director with the purpose to support the library. Requests may be one-time purchases. 2025 committee members are George Fowler, chair; Judy Goddard; Judy Martin; Russ Wright; Cheryl Sandefur.

Public Relations: This committee is responsible for the Friends social media accounts and coordinates the Friends web page with Webmaster Glenn Thomas. The committee is tasked with finding ways to publicize the library and the work of the Friends. 2025 members are Lori MacIntire and Leah Ritter, co-chairs; Mary Lynn Collins; Glenn Thomas.

Scholarship: The Friends publicize and provide two \$2,000.00 scholarships to local students entering college/university. 2025 committee members are Judy Goddard, chair; Dantrea Hampton; Jean Ruark; Glenn Thomas; Charlene VanWinkle; Cloyd Stratton; Kathy Goin.

We tabled adding a Government Relations (coordinate meet & greet events with local government officials) as either a new committee or a subcommittee to the Public Relations committee until February.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Jean Ruark reported KDLA and KLA have hired a lobbyist to lobby against SB 71 which will give Fiscal Court all control of appointing library board members.

February 13 is Legislative Library Day. Dudley Ellis will join Jean on her visits to legislators. He will also help Mary Lynn hand out M&M's during registration.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be February 10, 2025 at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Arba Kenner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Evans seconded the motion. The motion was carried. President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM.

Submitted by Cheryl Sandefur