

**FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY
JUNE 12, 2023**

PRESENT

Board Members: Mary Lynn Collins, Chris Evans, Dudley Ellis, Donna Farmer, Arba Kenner, Lori Macintire, Judy Martin, Margie Moore, Julie Roney, Jean Ruark, Pat Thomas, Russell Wright, and Charlene VanWinkle.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by President Arba Kenner in the Community Room. Roll was taken by Secretary Charlene VanWinkle. The agenda was amended to read Charlene VanWinkle reporting for the Scholarship Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the May 8, 2023, Friends Board meeting were sent to members prior to the meeting. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Evans presented the May 2023 treasurer's report (attachment #1). A debit occurred for taxes. Checks written for the Square credit card service, Sendinblue bulk email subscription, bookstore supplies, summer reading, and a deposit on the display panels.

Chris has explored the Certificate of Deposit rates at local financial institutions. Prior to CD purchase, the institutions require various Friends organizational paperwork and a resolution. The motion to authorize Chris to purchase CDs up to \$50,000 was tabled until the paperwork requirements are ready to present to the financial institutions.

Russ Wright informed the Friends of a new 2024 reporting requirement regarding Beneficial Ownership. Russ will inform the Friends as he learns more.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dudley Ellis gave the membership report. He reported for May 2023 there were 62 new or renewed members. We have 545 members in good standing. Our database contains 1610 contacts. There were 93 renewal notices sent.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Julie Roney presented the May 2023 bookstore financial report (attachment #2). The bookstore was open on Friday of the Book Sale and was closed on Memorial Day. Credit card sales amount to 37.6 % of the total sales for the year.

BOOKSTORE/BOOKSALE REPORT

Julie Roney presented the Book Sale report (attachment #3). It was very successful with the highest total sales of the past year.

Mary Lynn Collins presented a thank you letter from Kentucky State University for the recent donation of *A History of Blacks in Kentucky*, a significant two volume history. (Attachment 4). The bookstore is in need of more quality books as well as Science Fiction and Classics.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship Committee –Charlene VanWinkle reported eighteen applications received with two \$1000 scholarships awarded. Maddox Gortney, a recent Franklin County High School graduate, plans to attend the University of Kentucky obtaining a degree in Human Health Services with the long term goal of becoming a dentist. Ella Luking, Frankfort High School, plans to attend Rhodes College with a major in computer science; her future plans involve helping Appalachia by creating jobs in Additive Manufacturing Technology.

Sculpture Fundraising Committee – Pat Thomas and Mary Lynn Collins, co-chairs, reported on exploring ideas to fund the purchase of Eggcited or "Humpty", the sculpture in front of the library. The sculpture is solid bronze, securely bolted into place, with very little maintenance expected. The Library Trustees are in agreement with having this sculpture become a permanent part of the library. They want to add additional members to the committee who are not current board members. The Friends Board approved proceeding with fundraising plans with the Board agreeing to pay for the sculpture if fundraising/donation efforts fall short.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pat Thomas, Project Funding Committee Chair, reported on the money being held in reserve for a major art project which was shelved upon completion of the library addition. She reviewed Friends minutes from the 2010 and 2011 meetings where an art installation in the front lobby was discussed and approved. Pat contacted several current Friends Board members who served during the 10-12 years asking permission to unencumber these funds. The Friends Board Members agreed to the removal of the art in the library project from the on-going project funding list.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Director Jean Ruark directed attention to two of the recently funded display panels.

Margie Moore, Youth Services Manager, thanked the Friends Board for providing funding for the Summer Reading Program and the good opportunities this allows the library to provide. Registration began May 22 with 1,031 infants -5th graders and 334 6th-12th graders currently enrolled; she expects this number to grow to 2,000. A Biblio Bulletin was published listing all summer events and included full page calendars. Each registered participant, infant – 5th grade, receives a Badge Book with activities, stickers, and a way to record 21 days of reading; a library t-shirt will be given to everyone completing the Badge Book. A challenge card is provided to each registered 6th- 12th grader with a Walmart gift card awarded upon completion. Three kick-off pool parties had a total of 1,363 participants. Future events include two puppet shows, the Elemental movie, Camp PSPL, and Mr. Molecule. The Friends Board expressed appreciation to Margie for her work.

The Friends Board approved sponsoring a library team for Spellapalooza on August 11 to benefit Thornhill Education Center.

NEXT MEETING – July 10, 2023, at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT -The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM by President Kenner.

Submitted by Charlene VanWinkle, Secretary