

**FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MAY 8, 2023**

**PRESENT**

Board Members: Chris Evans, Dudley Ellis, George Fowler, Judy Goddard, Arba Kenner, Lori Macintire, Judy Martin, Margie Moore, Leah Ritter, Julie Roney, Jean Ruark, Judy Stratton, Pat Thomas, Russell Wright, and Charlene VanWinkle.

Others: Cloyd Stratton

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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the April 10, 2023, Friends Board meeting were sent to members prior to the meeting. Minutes approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Chris Evans presented the March 2023 treasurer's report (attachment #1). A debit occurred for taxes. Checks written for sales books and workers for the sale.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Dudley Ellis gave the membership report. He reported for April 2023, there were 34 new or renewed members. We have 490 members in good standing. Our database contains 1586 contacts. Contacts were recently purged of those not renewing memberships from 2013-2016. There were 0 renewal notices sent; 52 will be sent when technological difficulties are resolved.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Julie Roney presented the April 2023 bookstore financial report (attachment #2). There was a sale on a Friday the bookstore was closed. Credit card sales amount to 38.1% of the total sales for the year. A \$100 benefactor membership donation was received; thank you note sent. It was discussed that, for tax purposes, thank you notes for donations exceeding the cost of membership should include the statement, "No goods or services were received for this donation." Two large bookstore sales days occurred on special library event days – the Jazz Festival and Poet Laureate Day.

**BOOKSTORE REPORT**

Judy Stratton shared information from the recent Book Sale will be reported at the next meeting. Judy Martin will be delivering unsold children's books to the Jackson County Library. Capital Day School also received a collection of children's books from what remained at the conclusion of the sale.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Scholarship Committee – Judy Goddard, Chair, reported 18 applications received. The committee will meet Wednesday to discuss and select the winners.

Public Relations Committee – Lori Macintire and Leah Ritter, co-chairs, reported the Friends Table on display during the Jazz Festival received a great deal of interest with much patron interaction. They expressed appreciation for the shirts, banners, and table set-up provided by board members and library staff. The committee will pursue obtaining a poster/banner listing items/support provided by the PSPL Friends. Margie Moore, Youth Services Manager, requested a copy of this banner/poster for display on the second floor. An advertisement in The State Journal supporting the library and including the same list was discussed for the next Library Appreciation week.

Project Funding Committee – Pat Thomas, Chair, presented the Project Funding Sheet (attachment #3.) On-going projects include Summer Reading, Friends Scholarships, Employee Appreciation Gift Cards, and the Employee Education Grants. Money is in reserve for a major art project and historical marker. The board discussed there are no immediate plans for the art project as the idea was shelved upon completion of the library addition. Pat will research how this project was originally approved and report at the next meeting.

Pat distributed a funding request from Jean Ruark, Library Director, for 18 free-standing display panels. These would give PSPL the opportunity to host visual exhibits, art work, written compositions, etc. Currently, the only display areas are the cases in the main lobby. The committee met and recommends approval of this request. The Friends Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Project Funding Committee (attachment #4.) PSPL will pay the shipping cost.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Cloyd Stratton provided a bulk e-mail update. Sendinblue has changed its name to Brevo, but there are no changes to our subscription. The cost is \$270 for a year. Our email opening rate is currently 26%.

Eggedited or "Humpty", the sculpture in front of the library, is a temporary exhibit provided by FrankArts. The exhibit ends in October, and PSPL has been asked to purchase the sculpture. Fundraisers were discussed, and a committee appointed. Members of the committee include Mary Lynn Collins, Pat Thomas, Judy Goddard, and Jean Ruark. Pat will contact Melanie VanHouten of FrankArts.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Library Director Jean Ruark reported the Jazz Festival was a wonderful, well-attended event. Planning is occurring for Summer Reading; this year's theme is "All Together Now." The library made 300 Pool Noodle Horses for the Downtown Frankfort derby activities and sponsored the Bouncy Houses at the children's derby activity center at First Christian Church. Leah and Lori's excellent job at the Friends table during the Jazz Festival was much appreciated.

Pat Thomas shared the Friends were recognized for their Jazz Festival support during the library jazz performance and at the Grand Theatre.

The Board approved payment for the Summer Reading Program.

**NEXT MEETING** – June 12, 2023, at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom.

**ADJOURNMENT** -The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM by President Kenner.

Submitted by Charlene VanWinkle, Secretary