

FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY

JULY 10, 2023

PRESENT

Board Members: Linda Atwood, Mary Lynn Collins, Chris Evans, Dudley Ellis, Donna Farmer, George Fowler, 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 June 12, 2023, Friends Board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Minutes amended and approved. A letter read from Natalie Lile, Chairperson of Frankfort International Jazz Day, and Keith McCutchen, President of Kentucky Jazz Appreciation Month, thanking the Friends for generously supporting Paul Sawyer Public Library's Jazz Fest (attachment #1).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Evans presented the June 2023 treasurer's report (attachment #2). A debit occurred for taxes. Checks written for the balance of the display panels and to the University of Kentucky for Maddox Gortney's scholarship.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dudley Ellis gave the membership report. He reported for June 2023 there were 16 new or renewed members. We have 470 members in good standing. Our database contains 1614 contacts. There were 25 renewal notices sent.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Julie Roney presented the June 2023 bookstore financial report (attachment #3). There was a sale on a day when the book store was closed. Credit card sales amount to 38% of the total sales for the year.

BOOKSTORE REPORT

Judy Stratton reminded members the next Book Sale will be August 1-5 with set up on July 31. Donations to the bookstore are continuing, and shelves are restocked on a regular basis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sculpture Fundraising Committee – Pat Thomas and Mary Lynn Collins, co-chairs, reported on plans for the capital campaign to fund the purchase of Eggcited or “Humpty”, the sculpture in front of the library. Members of the Committee are Jean Ruark, Debbie Brown, Manoj Shanker, Judy Goddard, Arba Kenner, Lori Macintire, and Leah Ritter. The Library Trustees are supportive of this campaign. Advertising will begin August 1st with collections through October. Donor Levels are \$2500 Humpty Dumpty, \$1000 King’s Men, \$500 King’s Horses, \$250 The Wall, \$100 and lower Friends of Humpty. Donors at the King’s Horses Level and above will be recognized on a permanent plaque which will be installed near Humpty. Donations will be taken by mail, on-line, and in the Lilian Lindsay Bookstore. A children’s drawing contest will be conducted with the name of the winner included on the plaque.

Cloyd Stratton will write the donation thank you letters. Pat Thomas will coordinate presentations at community groups and clubs. The Friends will maintain a data base of donors. As there will be advertising costs, the Friends Board approved expenditures of under \$500 with bills/receipts given to the treasurer for payment/reimbursement; any expenditure of \$500 or greater will be brought to the board for approval. Consideration will be given for expenditure payment beneficial for the Friends tax-exempt status. In conducting this capital campaign, the Friends Board is aiming for community involvement and increased support for Paul Sawyer Public Library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chris Evans, Treasurer, has explored the Certificate of Deposit rates at local financial institutions; First Federal has a current rate of 4.5% for 7 months. Last month’s tabled motion to authorize Chris to purchase CDs up to \$50,000 was brought off the table and approved. Chris has a copy of the Friends of Paul Sawyer Public Library Certificate of Existence from the Secretary of State to present to the financial institution. The Friends Board approved a Corporate Resolution authorizing funds to be deposited in the bank which provides the best interest rate. Resolution signed by President Kenner and Secretary VanWinkle (attachment #5).

Pat Thomas, Project Proposal Committee Chairperson, presented an updated Project Funding Chart based on last month’s actions (attachment #6).

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Lynn Collins reported on the Friends website administration. Glenn Thomas, a bookstore volunteer with a background in computer technology, has agreed to be the webmaster of the Friends webpage. The page is currently maintained by a library employee who volunteers his time. The Friends Board approved Glenn Thomas as the web site administrator.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Director Jean Ruark reported Summer Reading Programs are going well. The Storyteller program continues this week and has been a successful series. Jean is excited about the Humpty campaign. PSPL is obtaining a Mobile Kitchen, a teaching kitchen for small groups.

NEXT MEETING – August 14, 2023, at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT -The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM by President Kenner.

Submitted by Charlene VanWinkle, Secretary