

FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY
AUGUST 14, 2023

PRESENT

Board Members: Linda Atwood, Mary Lynn Collins, Chris Evans, Dudley Ellis, Donna Farmer, George Fowler, Judy Goddard, Arba Kenner, Lori Macintire, Judy Martin, Margie Moore, Leah Ritter, Julie Roney, Judy Stratton, Pat Thomas, Russell Wright, and Charlene VanWinkle

Others: Glenn Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM by President Arba Kenner in the Community Room and via Zoom. Roll was taken by Secretary Charlene VanWinkle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Evans presented the June 2023 treasurer's report (attachment #1). A debit occurred for taxes. Checks written for Rhodes College scholarship, Thornhill Education Center Spellapalooza, Arba Kenner – Secretary of State document, and book sale workers. WesBanco charged a fee for a non-sufficient funds check deposited from the bookstore; restitution has since been made for the check amount plus bank fees. A five-month Certificate of Deposit was purchased from First Federal. The rate is 4.5 %, and the CD expires 12/14/2023. The Amazon account will be closed soon, and those funds moved to the main Friends account.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dudley Ellis gave the membership report. He reported for July 2023 there were 45 new or renewed members. We have 487 members in good standing. Our database contains 1626 contacts. There were 55 renewal notices sent.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Julie Roney presented the July 2023 bookstore financial report (attachment #2). The bookstore was closed for one holiday. There was a sale on a Sunday when the book store was closed. A deduction for a bad check was made from the sales total for July 6; reimbursement has been made and will be added to the August

report. Credit card sales amount to 37.9% of the total sales for the year. In order to separate the store and Humpty records in Square, Julie needs a list of donors and amounts from the Humpty committee.

BOOKSTORE AND BOOK SALE REPORT

Judy Stratton reported the Book Sale held August 1-5 was a fantastic one in terms of funds raised. Judy thanked PSPL staff for including sale information in the State Journal calendar of events. The books remaining at the end of the sale are usually donated to and picked up by Goodwill. However, the last day of the sale, Life Church asked to purchase the “leftovers” for \$100; these were picked up by Preston Balton. Capital Day School received books, and nine boxes of DVDs and audio books were sent to the Knott County library. The next book sale is November 7-11 with set-up on November 6. The volunteer luncheon is scheduled for December 1. The Friends board approved the hiring of a caterer for the luncheon up to \$1000.

Judy Stratton provided several State Journal clippings for the Friends Archives: PSPL newspaper calendar mentioning the book sale, an article discussing the Friends scholarship recipients, an editorial supporting the Humpty fundraiser, the frontpage article featuring the Humpty campaign, and the Humpty ad placed by the committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sculpture Fundraising Committee – Pat Thomas and Mary Lynn Collins, co-chairs, reported on the capital campaign to fund the purchase of Eggecited or “Humpty”, the sculpture in front of the library. The committee has met weekly. Ads placed in The State Journal and Frank magazine. The committee paid for one; the other will be considered an in-kind donation with The State Journal appearing on the list of donors. Information about the art contest is being distributed. The winner will receive \$50 plus have their name on the donor plaque. The winning art will be featured on t-shirts for sale in the bookstore. All contest participants will be entered into a drawing for three bookstore gift certificates. The committee requested the Friends board approve payment for the ad and contest prizes; approval given. Committee member Judy Goddard is coordinating appeals to local businesses and organizations. Any Friends member with these local connections is asked to contact her. Over \$10,000 has been raised thus far. In conducting this capital campaign, the Friends Board has achieved its goal for community involvement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mary Lynn Collins introduced Glenn Thomas, the new webmaster of the Friends webpage. Judy Stratton and Mary Lynn Collins will be the contact persons for Glenn.

NEW BUSINESS

President Arba Kemper appointed the following members to the Nominating Committee: Dudley Ellis, Donna Farmer, Leah Ritter, Mary Lynn Collins, and Russ Wright. The annual membership meeting will occur in October.

The Friends Board recognized the Spellalooza team of Arba Kenner, Leah Ritter, and Lindsey Melton. They represented the Friends well with a second-place finish. Innocuous was the word that stood between the team and victory!

LIBRARY NEWS

Youth Services Director Margie Moore reported Summer Reading had 1400 Birth-5th grade and 400 6th-12th grade registered participants. In July alone, there were 33 programs with a total of 1586 participants.

The Outreach Program served 381 school-age children and 183 children enrolled in daycare. The Early Learning Village summer program with 60 students were involved in 4 different programs. The Ascension Reading Camp had 25 students served by the program. The Outreach Program also served 47 children living at the Georgetown Road Mobile Home Park and distributed 3 crates of books to those residents.

Margie thanked the Friends for supporting the Summer Reading Program.

NEXT MEETING – September 11, 2023, at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT -The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM by President Kenner.

Submitted by Charlene VanWinkle, Secretary