

**FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

**PRESENT**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the August 14, 2023, Friends Board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Minutes approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Chris Evans presented the August 2023 treasurer's report (attachment #1). A debit occurred for taxes. A check written to Judy Stratton for supplies. Chris complimented the Humpty Team on the successful capital campaign.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Dudley Ellis gave the membership report. He reported for August 2023 there were 57 new or renewed members. We have 481 members in good standing. Our database contains 1644 contacts. There were 25 renewal notices sent.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Julie Roney presented the August 2023 bookstore financial report (attachment #2). The bookstore was open on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, as a part of the Book Sale. There were sales on two days when the book store was closed. August 3<sup>rd</sup> includes a reimbursement for an NSF check and fees. Credit card sales amount to 35.9% of the total sales for the year. Eight days in August included checks and cash designated for Humpty. Julie thanked Pat Thomas for working to keep the Humpty deposits separate from those of the bookstore.

**BOOKSTORE AND BOOK SALE REPORT**

Judy Stratton presented an amended report for the Book Sale held August 1-5 (attachment #3). Halloween books put on display in the store today. The volunteer luncheon is scheduled for December 1. Judy presented a State Journal clipping for the Archives. The clipping recognized the Friends Spellapalooza team – Arba Kenner, Leah Ritter, and Lindsey Melton. Mary Lynn Collins reported things are going well in the bookstore with more organization downstairs with the donations.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Sculpture Fundraising Committee (Humpty Committee) – Pat Thomas, co-chair, reported the capital campaign to fund the purchase of Eggcited/Humpty reached the goal within 5 weeks. The total donation for the campaign is currently at \$20,774 with another \$1000 promised. Any donor of \$100 or more received now will be contacted and asked how to direct the donation. The committee is now contacting all donors of \$500 and more as to the correct name/spelling to appear on the donor recognition plaque; the name of the art contest winner will be included. Josephine Sculpture Park will provide the plaque. Expenditures were as follows: stamps \$26.40, State Journal advertising \$500, Square credit card fees \$249.01, and an amount to be determined for the Humpty reception.

A reception celebrating Humpty is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in the River Room with cookies and lemonade. Bakery goods will be purchased, but volunteers are also needed to bring cookies. The winner of the art contest will be formally announced with, hopefully, a preview of the t-shirt design. The reception will be announced on the Library webpage and Facebook, the Friends webpage and Facebook, and in the State Journal. Mary Lynn Collins, co-chair, hopes the Humpty artist can be in attendance.

In conducting this capital campaign, the Friends Board has achieved its goal for community involvement.

Nominating Committee – Dudley Ellis, Chair, presented the slate of officers and directors for 2024. Discussion was held on the office of First Vice President currently held by Russell Wright. Friends bylaws state the President and First Vice President cannot serve more than two consecutive one-year terms. However, Russ can continue in this position for another year as he originally completed a term for a resigning board member. The Friends Board approved this slate of officers and directors with the possible addition of one more director depending on availability. Pat Thomas will not be returning to the Board and will be missed.

The annual membership meeting is scheduled for October 9. The officer and director voting is usually done by voice vote, but ballots will be available upon request. This meeting will be a pot-luck with chicken and drinks provided.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Meet and Greet - The Board reached consensus that a Meet and Greet remains important despite no local races in the November election. Mary Lynn Collins discussed the continued importance of talking with elected local officials especially considering the actions of the last legislative session regarding library trustees. Russell Wright proposed blending the Meet and Greet with the Humpty Celebration; the Board agreed.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Director Jean Ruark reported excitement surrounding this weekend's Bluegrass Theater Guild's four performances of The Enchanted Bookshop in the River Room. The stage provided by the Friends will be in

use. Monday's appearance of the US Poet Laureate is already at capacity. In the future, Zoom will be made available for Friends Board Meetings upon request.

**NEXT MEETING** – The Annual Membership Meeting will be October 9, 2023, at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

**ADJOURNMENT** -The meeting was adjourned at 6:08PM by President Kenner.

Submitted by Charlene VanWinkle, Secretary