

**ANNUAL MEETING  
FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY  
OCTOBER 9, 2023**

**PRESENT**

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

Others: Glenn Thomas, Dantrea Hampton, Cloyd Stratton, Debbie Watson, Doug Watson, Karen Cosby, and John Cosby

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by President Arba Kenner in the Community Room. Roll taken by Secretary Charlene VanWinkle.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 11, 2023, Friends Board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Minutes approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Chris Evans presented the September 2023 treasurer's report (attachment #1). A debit occurred for taxes, and a check written for stamps. Deposits included Humpty donations. Our \$50,000 Certificate of Deposit will come due December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Dudley Ellis gave the membership report. He reported for September 2023 there were 25 new or renewed members. We have 477 members in good standing. Our database contains 1655 contacts. There were 22 renewal notices sent.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Julie Roney presented the September 2023 bookstore financial report (attachment #2). There was a sale on a Friday when the book store was closed, and the store was closed for one holiday. Credit card sales amount to 36.6% of the total sales for the year.

**BOOKSTORE AND BOOK SALE REPORT**

Judy Stratton reported the next Book Sale is November 7-11 with set up on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Glenn Thomas is working to organize the donor cages to make restocking easier. Volunteers are needed to weed/restock the History and Children's shelves in the bookstore. Judy Martin volunteered to work with the Children's books. Judy Stratton

provided a State Journal clipping for the archives – an editorial titled “Community Effort Keeps Eggcited in Frankfort.”

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Sculpture Fundraising Committee (Humpty Committee) – Pat Thomas, co-chair, reported \$22,298.74 raised for Humpty. Recent donations included \$1000 from Commonwealth Credit Union and \$500 from Traditional Bank.

Mary Lynn Collins, co-chair, discussed the reception celebrating Humpty scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 in the River Room with cookies and lemonade. Youth Services is planning a Scavenger Hunt for children attending the reception. Cookies will be purchased from B’s Bakery, but volunteers are also needed to bring cookies. The winner of the art contest has been selected and will be formally announced with, hopefully, t-shirts, with the winning design, available to purchase. The art contest winner’s name will be on the plaque, receive a free t-shirt, and given a \$50 gift certificate.

Leah Ritter reported 140 t-shirts have been ordered at a cost of \$1127. Mary Lynn presented the t-shirt design. The Friends Board reached consensus on selling the t-shirts for \$10. Additional expenses include an advertisement in The State Journal, reception cookies, and reception supplies.

In conducting this capital campaign, the Friends Board has achieved its goal for community involvement and raised the total within 5 weeks.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Friends of Kentucky Libraries Meeting – Arba Kenner reported on the Friends of Kentucky Libraries Annual Meeting held October 7, 2023, in Bowling Green (see attachment #3.) Janet Meyer and Manoj Shanker will be serving as state officers.

Election of Officers and New Board Members – Nominating Chair, Dudley Ellis, reported the following nominees recommended by the committee:

President – Arba Kenner

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Russ Wright

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Dudley Ellis

Secretary – Charlene VanWinkle

Treasurer – Chris Evans

Board Members for 2024 – Linda Atwood, George Fowler, Judy Goddard, Lori Macintire, Leah Ritter, Julie Roney

Board Members for 2024-2025 – Donna Farmer, Dantrea Hampton, Margie Moore, Judy Stratton, Glenn Thomas

No nominees were received from the floor. Each nominee new to the board was introduced with comments as to why they were chosen. Dudley moved that the Board accept the entire slate; George Fowler seconded the motion which then passed by a single voice vote.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Director Jean Ruark reported the Kentucky Heritage Lecture Series will be the second Saturday of every month and will continue through the winter.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting will be November 13, 2023, at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

**ADJOURNMENT** -The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM by President Kenner. Those in attendance then enjoyed a potluck meal.

Submitted by Charlene VanWinkle, Secretary