

**MONTHLY MEETING
FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY
NOVEMBER 13, 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, Russell Wright, and Charlene VanWinkle

Others: Dantrea Hampton

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by President Arba Kenner in the Community Room. Roll taken by Secretary Charlene VanWinkle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the October 9, 2023, Friends Board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Evans presented the October 2023 treasurer's report (attachment #1). A debit occurred for taxes; checks written for an advertisement in The State Journal, t-shirts from CLS, bookstore supplies, reception cookies, and contest prize money. Our \$50,000 Certificate of Deposit will come due December 14th. The Amazon account will be closed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dudley Ellis gave the membership report. He reported for October 2023 there were 38 new or renewed members. We have 494 members in good standing. Our database contains 1668 contacts. There were 65 renewal notices sent.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Julie Roney presented the October 2023 bookstore financial report (attachment #2). There was a sale on a Sunday when the book store was closed, and t-shirt sales are included on October 15. Credit card sales amount to 37.2% of the total sales for the year.

BOOKSTORE AND BOOK SALE REPORT

Judy Stratton shared the recent Book Sale did well; the results will be presented next month. Credit card sales were over \$1000. Books remaining at the end of the sale were given to Life Church Frankfort and Judy Martin. Judy Martin presented books to the Jackson County library for the Outreach Librarian to stock library

mailboxes within the outlying areas of the county. Judy Martin thanked the Friends for these donations and expressed appreciation to Judy Stratton for her hard work for the Friends.

Judy Stratton reported the Volunteer Luncheon is scheduled for December 1 at noon in the River Room with the cost being \$15 a person. She reminded the group that when purchasing items for the Friends, we are a tax-exempt organization. Tax id cards are in the bookstore. Christmas books will be displayed soon. A donation in honor of a former librarian was received from Alice Delambre.

Mary Lynn Collins reported spending \$247 for books for the bookstore from the Humanities Council. These books were from the initial submissions for the recent Book Festival. Our presence on Facebook is growing; Mary Lynn encouraged members to continue to like and share posts. Currently the bookstore has a good selection of Science Fiction books. Recently two different customers bought t-shirts to be donated to the next child entering the bookstore.

NEW BUSINESS

In recent years, the Friends have given Appreciation Gifts in the form of Kroger gift cards to the library staff. In lieu of gift cards, Director Jean Ruark presented to the Project Proposal Committee a request for fleece jackets. The Appreciation Gifts are an on-going project; the Friends Board approved this recommendation as presented by the committee for purchasing jackets from L.L. Bean. The jackets will have the library logo.

LIBRARY NEWS

Director Jean Ruark reported on library programming including an upcoming Native American Program, the on-going Heritage Lecture Series, a Carter Stanley Bluegrass program, and a presentation of Dr. Richard Taylor's newest book.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be December 11, 2023, at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

ADJOURNMENT -The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM by President Kenner.

Submitted by Charlene VanWinkle, Secretary