

MONTHLY MEETING
FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY
DECEMBER 11, 2023

PRESENT

Board Members: 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, and Charlene VanWinkle

Others: Glenn Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM by President Arba Kenner in the Community Room. Roll taken by Secretary Charlene VanWinkle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November 13, 2023, Friends Board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND FOLLOW- UP ON CD

Chris Evans presented the November 2023 treasurer's report (attachment #1). A debit occurred for taxes; checks written for Book Sale workers, Humpty Dumpty, and bookstore supplies. The Amazon account was closed and funds moved to the Friends checking account; a \$6 service fee was charged. The Certificate of Deposit with First Federal comes due December 14th. The Board gave approval to Chris Evans to use the principal and interest to purchase a CD from WesBanco at 5% for 7 months. The Friends Board previously approved a Corporate Resolution (July 10, 2023) authorizing funds to be deposited in the bank which provides the best interest rate. This resolution was updated and signed by President Kenner and Secretary VanWinkle.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dudley Ellis gave the membership report. He reported for November 2023 there were 58 new or renewed members. We have 485 members in good standing. Our database contains 1688 contacts. There were 30 renewal notices sent.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Julie Roney presented the November 2023 bookstore financial report (attachment #2). The bookstore was open on the Friday of the Book Sale. The library was closed for two days for Thanksgiving.

BOOKSTORE AND BOOK SALE REPORT

Judy Stratton presented the November Book Sale report (attachment #3); the sale was quite successful. Books remaining at the end of the sale were given to Life Church Frankfort, the regional jail, Mercer County Middle

and High Schools, Capital Day School, Redwood School in Lexington, 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 Stratton reported the Volunteer Luncheon was held on December 1 in the River Room; 52 lunches were provided. Judy thanked Margie Moore for the table decorations. The bookstore recently received two very nice and expensive books about The Beatles. The next book sale will be at the end of March.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Last month, the Friends Board approved a recommendation as presented by the Project Proposal Committee to purchase fleece jackets from L.L. Bean for the annual staff appreciation gifts. The jackets will have the library logo. The Friends Board approved purchasing these jackets for the Library Trustees as a one-time appreciation gift. The Friends may also purchase jackets with reimbursements made to Treasurer Evans.

LIBRARY NEWS

Director Jean Ruark reported a survey of seven questions will soon be conducted as a part of the Strategic Planning process. Judy Stratton informed the Board of one, maybe two, PSPL employees pursuing continuing education. The employees will be encouraged to apply for the Employee Grants for Education; the committee will meet soon to review any applications.

The Friends Board expressed appreciation to departing Board Member Pat Thomas for her hard work on behalf of the Friends and PSPL.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be January 8, 2024, at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

ADJOURNMENT -The meeting was adjourned at 5:37. PM by President Kenner.
Submitted by Charlene VanWinkle, Secretary