

MONTHLY MEETING
FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY
JANUARY 8, 2024

PRESENT

Board Members: Mary Lynn Collins, Chris Evans, Dudley Ellis, Donna Farmer, George Fowler, Judy Goddard, Dantrea Hampton, Arba Kenner, Judy Martin, Lori Macintire, Margie Moore, Julie Roney, Jean Ruark, Judy Stratton, Glenn Thomas, Russ Wright, and Charlene VanWinkle.

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 December 11, 2023, Friends Board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Evans presented the December 2023 treasurer's report (attachment #1). A debit occurred for taxes; checks written to Kentucky Humanities Book Festival (books), All the Way Shoppe (catering), Pat Thomas (supplies), and Judy Stratton (supplies). The Amazon account was closed with those funds deposited into our regular account. The Certificate of Deposit with First Federal came due December 14th. The Board previously gave approval to Chris Evans to use the principal and interest to purchase a CD from WesBanco at 5.16% with yield of 5.25% for 7 months. This new CD will come due July 14, 2024. Judy Martin thanked Chris for negotiating a favorable rate of return.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dudley Ellis gave the membership report. He reported for December 2023 there were 32 new or renewed members. We have 517 members in good standing. Our database contains 1693 contacts. There were 22 renewal notices sent.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Julie Roney presented the December 2023 bookstore financial report (attachment #2). The report includes the Grand Total for 2023; it was a good year for the store with four book sales. The library was closed three days for Christmas. Special donations received from Maguerite Wordell and the Leeco Family.

BOOKSTORE AND BOOK SALE REPORT

Judy Stratton reported the next book sale will be March 26-30 with Friday closing at noon. Valentine's Day books are on display. Mary Lynn Collins reported a wonderful selection of children's books recently donated. Restocking is occurring almost daily with the bookstore doing well. Humpty t-shirts remain for sale.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Employee Grant for Education Committee - Charlene VanWinkle reported Nick Buchner, Adult Services Clerk, is enrolled at Bluegrass Community and Technical College working toward a degree in Library Science. The Friends Board approved the recommendation of the committee to award Nick an Employee Grant for Education.

Scholarship Committee - Judy Goddard reported the committee will meet soon to review and revise the application and rubric for 2024.

NEW BUSINESS – COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Employee Grant for Education Committee - Charlene VanWinkle explained the PSPL Employee Grant for Education. PSPL employees may apply for grants up to \$500 for continuing education in library services. Current committee members include Jean Ruark, Dudley Ellis, Donna Farmer, and Julie Rooney. This committee is in need of a chair.

Historical Marker Committee – Russell Wright, Chair, explained the Friends want to establish a historical marker recognizing the first non-school-related African-American library in downtown Frankfort. This project is on hold due to proposed construction in the Mero Street area. Dudley Ellis, George Fowler, Mary Lynn Collins, and Dantrea Hampton serve on the committee.

Project Proposal Committee – This committee reviews, researches, and presents recommendations for funding requests over \$1000. These requests usually come from the Library Director as the purpose is to support the library. One of the latest projects funded by the Friends was the portable stage in the River Room. Requests may be One-Time Purchases such as the stage or Continuing/On-going. The current On-going projects are: Employee Education Grants, Summer Reading Program, Historical Marker, Scholarships, and Employee Appreciation Gifts. Current committee members include Linda Atwood, Judy Martin, Judy Goddard, and Russell Wright. George Fowler agreed to chair this committee.

Scholarship Committee – Judy Goddard, Chair, stated the Friends provide and publicize two \$1000 scholarships to local students entering college/university. Current members include Jean Ruark, Manoj Shanker, Charlene VanWinkle, Dantrea Hampton, and Glenn Thomas.

Public Relations - This committee is responsible for the Friends Social Media Accounts and coordinates the Friends web page with Webmaster Glenn Thomas. This committee is tasked with finding ways to publicize the

library and the work of the Friends. The members of the committee are Mary Lynn Collins and Glenn Thomas with Leah Ritter and Lori McIntire serving as co-chairs.

LIBRARY NEWS

Director Jean Ruark reported fleece staff jackets have not yet been ordered but will be soon. The monthly Kentucky Heritage Series was recently featured in The State Journal. Planning for summer reading has begun. Thus far, nothing in the current legislative session affects libraries. KPLA has a new lobbying group.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be February 12, 2024, at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

ADJOURNMENT -The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM by President Kenner.

Submitted by Charlene VanWinkle, Secretary