

**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

**PRESENT**

Board Members: Linda Atwood, Dudley Ellis, Donna Farmer, George Fowler, Judy Goddard, Dantrea Hampton, Arba Kenner, Judy Martin, Margie Moore, Leah Ritter, Julie Roney, Jean Ruark, Judy Stratton, Glenn Thomas, Russ Wright, and Charlene VanWinkle.

Others: Amy Snow, Nancy Atcher, and Karen Nance.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by President Arba Kenner in the Community Room and via Zoom. Roll taken by Secretary Charlene VanWinkle.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the January 8, 2024, Friends Board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Minutes approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The January 2024 treasurer's report (attachment #1) was reviewed. A debit occurred for taxes; a check written to Nick Buchner for the Employee Grant for Education. The CD at WesBanco will come due July 14, 2024.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Dudley Ellis gave the membership report. He reported for January 2024, there were 35 new or renewed members. We have 520 members in good standing. Our database contains 1701 contacts. There were 40 renewal notices sent.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Julie Roney presented the January 2024 bookstore financial report (attachment #2). The library was closed three days for New Year's and Martin Luther King Day. Special donation received from Maguerite Wordell.

**BOOKSTORE REPORT**

Judy Stratton reported the next book sale will be March 26-30 with Friday closing at 11:30. The 30%/40% bookstore sale last week was very successful and moved a great deal of inventory.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Employee Grant for Education Committee - Charlene VanWinkle reported the committee received an application for the Employee Education Grant. After reviewing the application and consulting with the Library Director, the committee agreed the applicant did not meet the grant guidelines. The applicant is not currently

enrolled in a college course leading to a library/information science degree nor is she working toward a degree. The course she is taking is more of a “continuing education” class required by KDLA to be employed by a public library in Kentucky; the library assists with the expense of this employee requirement. The applicant was encouraged to apply again if she enrolls in a college course. Jean Ruark explained to the Board the certification requirements for public library employment.

Scholarship Committee - Judy Goddard reported the committee will meet after the Board meeting to review and revise the application and rubric for 2024. Judy proposed that the Board increase the amount of the scholarship to \$2000. The Board voted to award two \$2000 scholarships yearly. Before Covid, the Friends hosted a reception each year to honor current and previous winners along with their parents. Judy proposed that we do that again this year. The Board approved sponsoring this reception with minimal expenses expected.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board approved the purchase of a sidewalk brick in memory of former board member Carolyn Keltner. Russ Wright will talk with Carolyn’s family to finalize the wording on the brick.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

Director Jean Ruark reported fleece staff jackets will be ordered soon as she is now working on the correctness of the final order. The trustees were pleased to be provided jackets by the Friends. The Frankfort Heritage Series is continuing. April is Jazz Appreciation Month; Jean will submit a proposal to the Project Committee for payment of the artists’ fees.

### **LILIAN LINDSEY STATUE**

Karen Nance, President of the Garden Club, discussed the idea of a statue of Lilian Lindsey being installed near PSPL and the Women’s Club. Nancy Atcher discussed the importance of recognizing Lilian Lindsey as she was the founder of the library and made many contributions to the Frankfort community. The Friends Board was asked for support in financing this sculpture. Linda Atwood stated that a proposal would need to go before the Project Committee. Charlene VanWinkle stated that the Friends did not pay for the Humpty statue; funds were raised from the community. Russ Wright stated the Friends recently completed this community fundraising campaign for the Humpty sculpture and expressed concern about asking for more money from the community. The Board voted to establish an Ad Hoc committee to explore the feasibility of working with the Garden Club for a statue recognizing Lilian Lindsey. Arba Kenner will serve on this committee and will ask Mary Lynn Collins to also serve.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting will be March 11, 2024, at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

**ADJOURNMENT** -The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 PM by President Kenner.

Submitted by Charlene VanWinkle, Secretary