

MONTHLY MEETING
FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY
MARCH 11, 2024

PRESENT

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

Others: Cloyd Stratton

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 February 12, 2024, Friends Board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Evans presented the February 2024 treasurer's report (attachment #1.) A debit occurred for taxes. The CD at WesBanco will come due July 14, 2024.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Charlene VanWinkle gave the membership report. She reported for February 2024 there were 33 new or renewed members. We have 519 members in good standing. Our database contains 1710 contacts. There were 26 renewal notices sent.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Julie Roney presented the February 2024 bookstore financial report (attachment #2). The library was closed for Presidents Day. A membership donation received from Elizabeth Barr. The 40%/30% sale week was very successful. The bookstore had increased business on the Seed Swap Day in the River Room.

BOOKSTORE REPORT

Judy Stratton reported the next book sale will be March 26-30 with set-up on Monday, the 25th, and Friday closing at 11:30. The bookstore recently received a large donation from the estate of Governor Carroll. After Special Collections takes books for their department, the remaining will be offered in a special bookstore sale. Another donation of Braille Bibles and Bible Studies was given to the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship Committee - Judy Goddard, Chair, reported the committee met after the last Board meeting and reviewed and revised the application and rubric for 2024. Jean Ruark is finalizing both documents for printing. The scholarship reception is tentatively scheduled for May 13 in the River Room.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Memorial Brick -Russ Wright reported the wording preferred by the family for the sidewalk brick in memory of former board member Carolyn Keltner. Arba Kenner will order the sidewalk brick and suggested the board consider this recognition as a Board Policy. The Board approved a policy to order memorial sidewalk bricks for Friends Board Members with wording of the Member name, PSPL, and Friend. A brick will be ordered in memory of former Friends Board Member Lynn Russell.

Lilian Lindsey Statue – Arba Kenner reported no activity on exploring the feasibility of working with The Garden Club for their request of a statue recognizing Lilian Lindsey, founder of Paul Sawyer Public Library.

NEW BUSINESS

Email domain – Cloyd Stratton summarized new requirements for email senders to prevent spam (attachment #3.) Glenn Thomas, Webmaster, will research our domain name and report any needed actions.

LIBRARY NEWS

Director Jean Ruark reported fleece staff jackets are in; the staff was most appreciative. A thank you note received from Trustee Mark Overstreet for his jacket. The Frankfort Heritage Series is continuing as is Story-by-Story. Several members of the library staff will attend The Public Library Conference in April; Jean expects they will return with many ideas for future activities. Lighting is being installed in the stage area of the River Room to provide a more theatrical look. The River Room currently has 100 chairs. An additional 60 will be ordered due to the level of participation in events.

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

Condolences were expressed to Chris Evans on the passing of her husband, Ted.

ADJOURNMENT -The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM by President Kenner.

Submitted by Charlene VanWinkle, Secretary