

MONTHLY MEETING

FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY

February 10, 2025

PRESENT

Board members: Mary Lynn Collins, Dudley Ellis, Chris Evans, George Fowler, Judy Goddard, Kathy Goin, Dantrea Hampton, Arba Kenner, Judy Martin, Lori Macintire, Margie Moore, Leah Ritter, Julie Roney, Jean Ruark, Cheryl Sandefur, Cloyd Stratton, Judy Stratton, Glenn Thomas, and Russ Wright.

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Dudley Ellis, President, in the Community Room. Roll taken by Cheryl Sandefur.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January 13, 2025 Friends board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Arba Kenner made a motion to accept the minutes. Judy Goddard seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Evans presented the December 2024 treasurer's report (attachment #1). It was decided to roll the CD at First Federal over for another 7 months at 4.5% interest.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Cloyd Stratton gave the membership report. He reported there were 28 new or renewed members added for January 2025. We have 519 members in good standing. Our database contains 1,870 contacts. A total of 28 renewal notices were sent. Cloyd also reported a \$500 donation from Marguerite Wordell.

BOOKSTORE FINANCIAL REPORT

Julie Roney presented the January 2025 Bookstore financial report (attachment #2).

BOOKSTORE /BOOK SALE UPDATE

Judy Stratton reported the spring book sale will be March 25-29th. More advertising to come.

Mary Lynn Collins reported they are working hard to get new materials on the shelves.

OLD BUSINESS

Historical Marker Committee: They are trying to capture oral histories of the African American library as part of the effort to get the memorial.

Nancy Atcher, with The Garden Club of Frankfort, spoke with the board about her organization's efforts to campaign for funds to purchase a sculpture in honor of Lilian Lindsey. They would like the PSPL Friends to support their efforts. They may need as much as \$100,000.00 to pay for the design, sculpture, and installation costs.

While we think this a good idea and we encourage The Garden Club of Frankfort to continue with their planning, the Friends need more information, maybe a written plan from The Garden Club of Frankfort, before we commit funding. Jean Ruark mentioned that The Board of Trustees for the library will have to approve any final design if the sculpture will be displayed in front of the library.

NEW BUSINESS

The seats for the working committees of the board were amended as follows:

- Kathy Goin is added to the Project Proposal Committee.
- The Government Affairs Committee was added. The committee will liaison with local government and will oversee the library's meet and greet event with members of local government. The chair will be Russ Wright with Mary Lynn Collins and Dudley Ellis as committee members.

Public Relations Committee:

- The banner design is complete for the front of the library (it has since been hung)
- Document on how the Friends help the library has been created (attachment #3) and will be used to explain our mission.

Continuing Education Grant Committee:

- Two submissions for grants have been submitted. Arba will initiate the approval process with committee members through email.

Our email address has been added to the website. We have received several emails about upcoming book sales and questions about scholarships.

LIBRARY NEWS

Jean Ruark reported KDLA and KLA have hired a lobbyist to lobby against SB 71. KACo supports the bill. KDLA is fine with being removed from the process of naming new Board of Trustee members. They are working to rewrite language to remove KDLA from the process while still leaving the Board with recommending new members to Fiscal Court.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be March 10, 2025 at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

ADJOURNMENT

Russ Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dantrea Hampton seconded the motion. The motion was carried. President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 6:15 PM.