

MONTHLY MEETING
FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY

March 10, 2025

PRESENT

Board members: Dudley Ellis, Chris Evans, George Fowler, Judy Goddard, Kathy Goin, 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 5:00 p.m. by Dudley Ellis, President, in the Community Room. Roll taken by Cheryl Sandefur.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 10, 2025 Friends board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. George Fowler made a motion to accept the minutes. Chris Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Evans presented the March treasurer's report (attachment #1). The CD at First Federal will mature in 7 months from the February roll over date at 4.5% interest. It next matures on September 15, 2025.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Cloyd Stratton gave the membership report. He reported there were 29 new or renewed members added for February 2025. We have 523 members in good standing. Our database contains 1,879 contacts. Glenn Thomas reported we have sent 70 renewal notices out with 28 notices being opened.

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. March's sale should be a big one. Please sign up to help if you have not already done so. They continually work to restock the book store. Thankfully, no water got into the garage during the February flooding.

OLD BUSINESS

- Dudley Ellis gave an update on the Lilian Lindsey statue project. He sent an email to Nancy Atcher on February 24th stating we would be open to her presenting more information to our board in the future with more details as they become available; however, we are not in a position to commit to funding at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Square fee increase

- Dudley Ellis and Jean Ruark presented to the board Square's annual fee increase. We currently have fees of 2.6% of the total sale plus \$0.10. The increase will be 2.6% of the total sale plus \$0.15. Jean Ruark is checking to see if we have an active software subscription as that can delay or mitigate the increased fee. Jean also did some checking into last year's sales and the increase would amount to approximately an additional \$75.00 in fees (if sales stay the same as last year-Judy Stratton indicated sales could actually increase as more people want the ease of using a credit/debit card when making purchases). Jean and Dudley recommended staying with Square. The board at large agreed with the recommendation. (see attachment #3 for Jean's figures and information regarding the fee increase)

Scholarship Committee:

- Judy Goddard announced the current application and rubric are available on PSPL Friend and PSPL websites. Brochures will be available in the library and bookstore. Please let Judy know if you know of any seniors who might be interested or eligible.

Continuing Education Grant Committee:

- Arba Kenner announced the committee is meeting immediately following this meeting. It is the expectation checks will be written tonight to the two employees who have applied.

LIBRARY NEWS

Jean Ruark reported Story by Story has started again. The program will run through October. SB71 has made it out of the Senate. It has been assigned to the Local Government committee in the House. The bill could still be passed but the thought is it might not happen because it would have to be read 3 times before Friday, March 14th.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be April 14, 2025 at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

ADJOURNMENT

George Fowler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Russ Wright seconded the motion. The motion was carried. President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 5:34 PM.

Submitted by Cheryl Sandefur