

MAY MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY
MAY 12, 2025

PRESENT

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Dudley Ellis, President, in the Community Room. Roll taken by Cheryl Sandefur.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 14, 2025 Friends board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Russ Wright made a motion to accept the April minutes. Arba Kenner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Evans presented the May 2025 treasurer's report (attachment #1).

- The payment to Lanham was for bookmarks.
- Taxes were paid to the state of Kentucky
- The deposits made on April 8th were carried over from the March book sale.
- The misc. Judy withdrawal was for carry over expenses from the book sale.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Cloyd Stratton gave the membership report.

- 19 new/renewal memberships in April
- Our database contains 1905 total members.

- We have 601 members in good standing. This is an increase of 77.
- 25 expiration alerts will be sent in May.

BOOKSTORE FINANCIAL REPORT

Julie Roney presented the March 2025 Bookstore financial report (attachment #2). The bookstore was only open 4 days in April due to flooding closing the library.

BOOKSTORE /BOOK SALE UPDATE

There was close to 8 feet of water in the garage so all materials in the garage were lost. ServPro cleaned the shelves we kept after the flooding and Charles put them back together for us. They are busy restocking shelves now that the library is open. Donations are beginning to come in again. The question of whether or not volunteers who sort books should be given first choice with donations as they sort. The board decided as a whole that it is okay for anyone volunteering to sort donations to have the first pick of donations for purchase. Donations must be priced by Judy, Mary Lynn, or others assigned the duty of pricing donation and the full asking price must be paid by any volunteer seeking to purchase donations before they enter the bookstore/book sale.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Spellapalooza:

The Friends will sponsor a team at a cost of \$300.00. Dalton Bennett is the Master of Ceremonies this year.
- State of new book cases in the garage:

Fred Anderson built new wooden shelves to replace those we could not reuse. Lyons Lumber donated the lumber. It was decided to send a letter of thanks to both Lyons Lumber and Fred Anderson. We included a \$50.00 gift card to the Friends bookstore with Fred's letter.
- Arba Kenner notified Tom Knight's widow that we have ordered a brick in his honor.

- Progress on the annual Scholarship program
- Our email was down while the library was without electricity. It was decided to extend the deadline until May 21st to allow time for more submissions. High school counselors were notified of the extension and that seniors may need to re-submit applications. We have 8 submissions to date. Judy will check with Jean to see if more submissions come in then the committee will meet to score.
- Russ Wright, Dudley Ellis, and Chris Evans will conduct an internal review of financial reports as required by the by-laws.

No reports from the Continuing Education Grant; Public Relations; Historical Marker; Project Proposal; or Government Affairs committees.

LIBRARY NEWS

Jean reported it will be the end of May before drywall can be installed after flooding. The elevator in the foyer to the parking garage is back up and running so the donations we moved before flooding can be returned to storage in the garage. Parts for the elevator in the foyer leading to the parking lot are on order. The majority of the costs for repairs will be covered by the library's insurance.

Margie reported summer reading booklets are being dropped off to all county schools and daycares before the end of the school year. The summer reading program has two goals 1) Keep children reading during the summer and 2) Give children experiences they would not have otherwise. When children from birth through 5th grade complete the program they will get a shirt and a book. Children in 6th grade through 18 years of age will get to choose from a variety of gift cards when they finish the program.

The board will provide the library with a check for \$20,000.00 to pay for the summer program.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be June 9th, 2025 at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

ADJOURNMENT

Russ Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Fowler seconded the motion. The motion was carried. President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Submitted by Cheryl Sandefur