

JANUARY MONTHLY MINUTES

FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY

January 12, 2026

PRESENT

Board members: Tracie Ballou, Kathy Bryan, Dudley Ellis, Chris Evans, George Fowler, Judy Goddard, Kathy Goin, Lynne Hoelkinger, Arba Kenner, Lori MacIntire, Judy Martin, Julie Roney, Jean Ruark, Cheryl Sandefur, Cloyd Stratton, Judy Stratton, and Russ Wright.

Guests: Glenn Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Dudley Ellis, President, in the Community Room. Roll taken by Cheryl Sandefur.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the December 8th, 2025 Friends board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Arba Kenner made a motion to accept the December minutes. Tracie Ballou seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

- Taxes were paid on December 8th.
- Volunteer luncheon expenses were paid on December 9th
- Gift cards for PSPL employees were paid for on December 10th

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Cloyd Stratton gave the membership report.

- 30 new/renewal memberships
- Our database contains 2,008 total members.
- We have 539 members in good standing.

BOOK STORE FINANCIAL REPORT

Julie Roney presented the December Book store financial report which includes the deposits of donations from the Nancy Bostic estate and the \$75.00 donation from David and Margaret Leeco. (see attachment #2)

BOOK STORE /BOOK SALE UPDATE

- Judy Stratton reported boxes donated to GoodWill should be picked up by the week of January 19th.
- Judy reported we were contacted through the website by a woman wanting to donate approximately 600 books and 100 DVDs.
- The next book sale will be March 24th-28th.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jean Ruark reported that the 501c3 status of the Friends of PSPL helps the library apply for and get a Google ad grant allowing the library to get reduced rates on Google ads targeted for viewers in our geographic area. PSPL creates the content for the ad and provides it to Google who then posts it when the targeted audience opens Google search engine.

NEW BUSINESS

- Board committee positions were filled (see attachment 3 for all committees and members-electronic copy shared with board members after the meeting).
- Scholarship committee: The scholarship application and rubric will be reviewed by the newly seated committee members before the February meeting.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Jean Ruark reported February 12th is Legislative Library Day. She also let the board know will be contacting the Project Proposal committee chair regarding the cost of the van lift for the new van. The van lift will make loading and unloading heavy materials easier for library personnel.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be February 9, 2026 at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

ADJOURNMENT

Judy Goddard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Fowler seconded the motion. The motion was carried. President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 5:57 PM.

Submitted by Cheryl Sandefur