

## **FEBRUARY MONTHLY MINUTES**

### **FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**February 9, 2026**

#### **PRESENT**

**Board members:** Tracie Ballou, Kathy Bryan, Dudley Ellis, Chris Evans, George Fowler, Judy Goddard, Kathy Goin, Arba Kenner, Judy Martin, Julie Roney, Jean Ruark, Cheryl Sandefur, Cloyd Stratton, Judy Stratton, Charlene VanWinkle, 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 January 12th, 2026 Friends board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Tracie Ballou made a motion to accept the January minutes. Arba Kenner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

- Taxes were paid on January 8th.

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Cloyd Stratton gave the membership report.

- 54 new/renewal memberships
- Our database contains 2,023 total members.
- We have 493 members in good standing.

#### **BOOK STORE FINANCIAL REPORT**

Julie Roney presented the December Book store financial report which includes the deposit of \$100.00 donation from Amy and David Ballard made in January. The bookstore was closed on January 1, January 19, January 21, and January 26-27. (see attachment #2)

## **BOOK STORE /BOOK SALE UPDATE**

- Judy Stratton reported boxes donated to GoodWill should be picked up by the end of this week. There were problems coordinating the pickup with GoodWill this time.
- The next book sale will be March 24th-28th.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Scholarship committee: The scholarship application and rubric have been reviewed and approved. Committee members will distribute copies of the application and directions for submitting to local high schools before the March meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Dudley Ellis shared a flyer about an upcoming “Meet Friend With Friends” event hosted by Henry County’s Friends group. More information will be provided at a later date.
- Continuing Education Grant Committee: Arba announced the committee approved payment of grant to Margie Moore for \$500.00
- Project Proposal committee: Two requests have been submitted and the committee voted unanimously to ask for full board approval for funding.
  - o \$10,500.00 was requested to have a hydraulic lift added to the new van purchased by PSPL for outreach programing. A motion was made by George Fowler and seconded by Arba Kenner. Motion carried and the funds will be provided to the library.
  - o \$2,500.00 was requested to pay for half of the speaking fee to have Ms. Kim Michele Richardson speak at PSPL. The library will pay the other half the speaking fee (this is still a reduced fee from what is normally charged). A motion was made by Cheryl Sandefur and seconded by Russ Wright. Motion carried and the funds will be provided to the library.

No reports from the Historical Marker, Public Relations, or Government Affairs committees.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Jean Ruark reported most of her news was reported during the report from the project proposal committee. The library will be closed on Friday, March 6th for the replacement of a chiller.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be March 9, 2026 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 5:40 PM.

Submitted by Cheryl Sandefur