

APRIL MONTHLY MINUTES

FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY

April 13, 2026

PRESENT

Board members: Tracie Ballou, Kathy Bryan, Mary Lynn Collins, Dudley Ellis, Chris Evans, George Fowler, Kathy Goin, Lynne Hoelkinger, Arba Kenner, Judy Martin, Margie Moore, Julie Roney, Jean Ruark, Cheryl Sandefur, Cloyd Stratton, Judy Stratton, and Charlene VanWinkle.

Guest: 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 March 9th, 2026 Friends board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Arba Kenner made a motion to accept the February minutes. Tracie Ballou seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

- Taxes were paid on March 9th.
- Funds were withdrawn on March 23rd for Judy to pay workers to set up and break down the book sale.
- We saw record numbers for deposits in March thanks to the strong sales at the book sale.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Cloyd Stratton gave the membership report.

- 57 new/renewal memberships
- Our database contains 2,058 total members.
- We have 532 members in good standing

BOOK STORE FINANCIAL REPORT

Julie Roney presented the February Book store financial report which showed higher sales totals due to March book sale. The book store remained open during the book sale on Friday, March 27th.

BOOK STORE /BOOK SALE UPDATE

- The bookstore had record or near record sales during the book sale in March.
- The next book sale will be August 11-15th.
- We are making a donation of books to Liberty Hall for Earth Day celebrations.
- Someone asked about getting books to be used to decorate for a wedding.

OLD BUSINESS

- Scholarship committee:
 - Dudley Ellis will notify TFCA and FCHS of the April 23rd deadline for submissions. Cheryl Sandefur will notify FHS and WHHS of the deadline while Margie Moore will notify homeschool families as they visit the library. The deadline is also posted on our website and social media for PSPL and Friends.
 - Two submissions received as of April 13th.
 - Jean will copy application packets and distribute them to committee members on Monday, April 28th.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dudley Ellis shared a flyer from The Friends of the Todd County Public Library. They are raising funds by selling cookbooks and asked all Friends groups across the state to purchase a cookbook to be placed in local libraries. Arba Kenner offered to purchase an extra cookbook to donate to PSPL.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Jean Ruark reported that Court Stevens, an author of young adult books, is scheduled to visit Franklin County. She hopes our group will be able to purchase books PSPL can distribute to students during the visit. The cost is not known yet. Summer Reading is coming up and the

request for our annual financial support should be coming in May. Jean also mentioned that Gen Z loves printed books (it was discussed at the National Library Conference this year).

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be May 11th, 2026 at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Bryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Fowler seconded the motion. The motion was carried. President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 5:45 PM.

Submitted by Cheryl Sandefur