

MAY MONTHLY MINUTES

FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY

May 11, 2026

PRESENT

Board members: Tracie Ballou, Kathy Bryan, Mary Lynn Collins, Dudley Ellis, Chris Evans, George Fowler, Judy Goddard, Kathy Goin, Lynne Hoelkinger, Arba Kenner, Judy Martin, Lori MacIntire, 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 5:02 p.m. by Dudley Ellis, President, in the Community Room. Roll taken by Cheryl Sandefur.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 13th, 2026 Friends board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Tracie Ballou made a motion to accept the February minutes. Arba Kenner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

- Taxes were paid on April 10th.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Cloyd Stratton gave the membership report.

- 27 new/renewal memberships
- Our database contains 2,065 total members.
- We have 525 members in good standing

Cloyd reported that our members in good standing reflect numbers of families and individual members in good standing. He did an audit of actual membership counting each member in good standing for family membership which showed we actually have a total of 636 individual members in good standing. He will not do an individual count each month.

BOOK STORE FINANCIAL REPORT

Julie Roney presented the April Book store financial report which showed very strong sales for the first quarter of the year.

BOOK STORE /BOOK SALE UPDATE

- The bookstore was open on April 24th when the Kentucky Poet Laureates program was running at the library.
- It was a quiet month in the book store while volunteers worked on restocking the store.
- We have received some good donations this month.

OLD BUSINESS

- Scholarship committee:
 - The committee scored the application packages.
 - First place: Brenna Jackson
 - We have a virtual tie for second place between Aubri Robinson and Lindsey Payton. Less than 0.3% difference in scores.
 - The committee respectfully requests that three scholarships be awarded this year due to the close scores for second place. [Charlene VanWinkle](#) made a motion to offer three \$2,000.00 scholarships this year (to Brenna Jackson, Aubri Robinson, and Lindsey Payton). George Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passes.
 - The committee also asked for a \$500.00 award to Amelia Wilkerson in recognition of her years of service to the Friends organization, mostly spent in the Friend book store. George Fowler made a motion to award Ms. Wilkerson \$500.00. Arba Kenner seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Dudley reported on the Friends Meet Friends meeting that took place April 18th at the Henry County Library. It was a gathering of friends from different chapters across Kentucky. The session included brainstorming of ideas that work for each organization. Cloyd Stratton forwarded the information that came from the meeting to PSPL Friends board members via email before the meeting. The general consensus of attendees was that PSPL Friends seem to be more organized and better situated to further our agenda(s) than most Friends groups.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dudley Ellis reported we owe back state membership dues. Mary Lynn Collins will request an official bill for immediate payment.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Jean Ruark reported Story by Story has started again. She also officially requested the annual Friends donation of \$20,000.00 for the summer reading program. Margie Moore handed out copies of the 2026 Summer Reading Program outlining what the Friends' donation would be used to fund.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be June 8th, 2026 at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

ADJOURNMENT

Julie Roney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judy Goddard seconded the motion. The motion was carried. President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 6:10 PM.

Submitted by Cheryl Sandefur