

AUGUST MONTHLY MINUTES

FRIENDS OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY

AUGUST 10, 2026

PRESENT

Board members: Tracie Ballou, Kathy Bryan, 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, Charlene VanWinkle, and Russ Wright.

Guest: Glenn Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dudley Ellis, President, in the Community Room. Roll taken by Cheryl Sandefur.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the July 13, 2026 Friends board meeting were sent to members prior to this meeting. Arba Kenner made a motion to accept the July minutes with the correction of the spelling of Jean Ruark's last name under bullet point 2 for new business . Kathy Bryan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

- Taxes were paid on July 6 and July 21st.
- The CD was rolled over at 3.67% interest (3.71% APR).
- The payment to Lanham was for membership cards.
- The checks sent to cover the awarded scholarships (totaling \$6,500.00) have cleared the bank. (University of Baylor for Payton, University of Georgia for Wilkenson, and University of Kentucky for both Jackson and Robinson)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Cloyd Stratton gave the membership report.

- 34 new/renewal memberships
- Our database contains 2,095 total members.
- We have 558 members in good standing

BOOK STORE FINANCIAL REPORT

Julie Roney noted monthly sales are up between \$400.00 and \$600.00. The Friday sales are part of the increase.

BOOK STORE /BOOK SALE UPDATE

- The next book sale is slated for August 11th-15th with set up scheduled for Monday, August 10th. The actual sale begins at 3:00 on the 11th.
- New things are regularly being added into the book store.

OLD BUSINESS

- Spellapalooza: Our team made a great showing and lasted until the brain buster round. Thanks to Arba Kenner, Tracie Ballou and Harry from the Youth Services department for representing the Friends so well.

NEW BUSINESS

- The nominating committee will be: Arba Kenner (Chair), Cheryl Sandefur, and Kathy Goin.
 - Lynn Hoelkinger announced she will be stepping down from the board due to family commitments.
- The Gathering of Authors is scheduled for August 22nd with approximately 20 authors expected to attend.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Jean Ruark reported the Youth Services (YS) van will need to be rewrapped to mirror the two newer vans. Jean is getting quotes now and will present a request to the Friends Board for payment. The current estimate is \$5,000.00.

Ending numbers for summer reading program:

- Registration: Birth to 5th grade-1,336; Teen-315; Adult-594
- YS offered 46 programs with 1,687 attendees
- YS offered 2 group visits with 69 participants
- YS outreach provided 11 outreach programs with 288 participants
- YS Outreach attended the tabling for Liberty Hall-er on July 3rd with around 250 attendees.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be September 14, 2026 at 5 PM in the Community Room and via Zoom upon request.

ADJOURNMENT

Russ Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Evans seconded the motion. The motion was carried. President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 5:46 PM.

Submitted by Cheryl Sandefur