

1Minutes of The Friends of Paw Paw District Library

**The was meeting was called to order May 28, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.
at the Paw Paw District Library.**

Those attending:

**Kris Steward – Director – President
Cindy Barres – Director - Vice President
James Miller – Director – Secretary
Susan Anderson - Director – Membership
Tom Shoemaker – Director - Treasurer
Carla Chase – Director
Darlene Wilson - Director
Gretchen Evans - Director of The Paw Paw District Library
Judith Hulstead – Friend of The Library
Connie Peruchietti – Friend of The Library
Charlie Robertson – Friend of The Library**

Secretary's Report:

**Minutes of the March 23, 2025 meeting were approved as
written.**

Treasurer's Report:

**Tom was pleased to share the latest balance sheet showing
current amount of \$11,069.97. Tom noted that the Used Book
Sale of May 15-17was successful, netting approximately \$1340.
Tom has funded the cash box for the Trunk Sale of June 21 in the
amount of \$100. The Book Nook, the on-going used book sale
within the Library is doing well. There will be more on this topic.**

Membership Report:

**Susan reported that several Friends have renewed their
memberships and a few new names will be added to the listing of
Active Friends.**

**There was discussion regarding consolidating the membership
drive to one month, as having membership letters going out
several times a year could be labor intensive.**

Book Sales Committee Report:

The Used Book Sale, which was held May 16 and 17, 2025 was successful. Carla thanked all those who help with this fund-raising activity.

There were lots of customers on Friday and Saturday, despite Paw Paw in the midst of recovering from major storm damage and power outages. The monies raised will be utilized for Library projects and programs, as that is the mission of The Friends of The Paw Paw District Library.

The Library Calendar was checked and the date for the second Used Book Sale as been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18, 2025. The set and Pre-sale will happen on Thursday, October 16.

We will decide at a future meeting whether to keep with two books sales per year or cut back to only one based upon many factors; including the success of the October 2025 sale and The Book Nook.

In regards to the Book Nook, each of four volunteers spend a week per month managing the on-going book sale. Approximately 45 books are kept on the shelves at any one time. The volunteers will make sure that children's books and non-fiction books are included in the selection.

These volunteers are also doing the initial sorting of the donated books. Books that are not clean, encyclopedias, and text books are discarded, and not transporting to Sporting Image, the location of the sorting facility.

The Book Sale Committee will arrange for training of new volunteers in the near future. The training will be held at Sporting Image and will cover the sorting and storage processes.

Friends Membership Committee:

The Membership Committee reported that A Friends Appreciation Event will take place on Saturday, October 25, 2025. A lot of good ideas have been shared within this committee. This event will be themed as bring yourself and a new Friend, in the hopes of

generating buzz regarding this group as well as expanding our numbers.

There will be mailers and phone calls to our members in the hopes of a well-attended event.

We have been given an assignment; to generate a two or three minute talk as to why The Friends of The Library is a worthy organization. The point is to have this ready when our friends and acquaintances talk about what is important in their lives, we are ready and willing to expound on why The Friends of the Library is worthy of our time.

Membership Drive Committee:

A revision to the membership categories has been proposed. This would be a revision to the donation schedule, and listing the opportunities for access to various Friends activities. Kris will be sending the draft out to the board for input of this modification.

Fundraising Committee:

The First Annual Trunk Sale, to be on the grounds of The Paw Paw District Library will take place, Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 9am to 1 pm. This event was suggested by Director Evans as an outreach, a fun event, and perhaps, an opportunity to clean some space in your garage by have a community sale out of the trunk of your car. The fee of \$15 per car, which is being taken care of by the circulation desk staff, will benefit the Library and the Friends Group.

There was discussion of other types of fund-raising. Pizza Hutt fund raising event is very simple to apply for and the staff at the restaurant does all the work.

Bylaws Review Committee:

Kris will schedule a meeting to review the Bylaws of The Friends of the Paw Paw District Library. The current revision was generated in 2011. Over the years, processes have changed, but the mission of the Friends Group has not changed. There will be changes proposed at a later meeting.

Library Director's Report:

Director Gretchen Evans discussed the Summer Reading Program that has started for readers of all ages. There will be prizes. The

lakeside amphitheater at Maple Lake will be utilized Tuesday mornings for Library programs. The Book Nook seems to be working out well for Library staff as well as The Friends Group.

There will be a milage vote in 2026 for Library funding. The Director challenged us to investigate the laws regarding The Friends and our 501(c)(3) status regarding our support of the Library millage vote. There are rules to be followed. There will be more discussion regarding this issue.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2025 at The Library.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Miller
Director – Secretary