



FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, March 17, 2022

1. Call to Order by Martha Nork at 7pm.
2. Attendance - Martha Nork, Rick Nork, Linda Bolom, Claire Kreher, Suzy Salsbury, Laura Mancini (Library Director), Carol Doyle (visitor), Kathy Fox, Denise Stacer (Zoom), Linda Schwelnus (Zoom).
Absent: Linda Bastien, Will Bastien, Regina Mingela, Betty Kaiser, Chris Litka, Carol Murray
3. Approval of Agenda – Agenda was approved as presented.
4. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2022 – Minutes were approved with correction to 8A. Gift Books.
5. Election of Officers – Nominating Committee – Linda Bolam thanked the Nominating Committee Members: Linda S., Linda Bolam, and Kathy Fox. Linda also thanked everyone for agreeing to continue. She presented the slate.

Slate:

6. President's Report – Martha Nork --Annual Reports were handed out
-Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML) Annual Meeting is Thursday, April 7th at 10 am via zoom. The speaker's topic is, "How Library Friends Can be Super Supporters". The cost is \$10/person. Please contact Martha if you would like to attend.
-The next FOML online event is a "Connect with Friends" meeting, which means it will be a discussion of any topics that attendees wish to discuss. April 21st at 10 am and also 6pm. You can attend either time and Martha will share the link.
Paypal discussion - fees are 2.2%/transaction plus 30 cents. Works out to \$2.50 on a \$100 charge
7. Library Director's Report – Laura Mancini - The Battle of the Books competition was held in-person for the first time in 2 years on March 9th. Seventeen teams competed this year and the winning team was the Page Punchers from Hillside Middle School. Thank you so very much to the Friends for providing the support to put on this program. We could not do it without you!

COVID-19 cases in the district have come way down. The Library is gradually relaxing restrictions and looking to restore the remaining services that were suspended due to the pandemic. Teen programming will return in person in the spring. Summer Reading is currently scheduled to be held outdoors weather permitting. If the weather does not cooperate, events will be moved inside.

The elevator is currently out of service due to the modernization project. The project is expected to last 6-8 weeks in duration. The operations of the Cellar are not impacted by the project. The Library has requested that the Sorting Room not be used while the contractors are onsite which will be 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Members of the public are welcome to donate books as long as they are willing to carry the items to the lower level of the library. Many patrons have chosen this option and donations are being made at a steady pace. The Youth Office Renovation is scheduled to take place mid-April.

The NDL is in the midst of creating its new strategic plan. Current activities include Community Leader interviews, a benchmarking study and public surveys.

8. Treasurer's Report – Suzy Salsbury

A. Review and Approval of Financial Report for February, 2022 – Suzy asked for input about the new format. Report was approved.

B. CD Renewal –. One of our CDs at CFCU is coming due on March 24th. The board voted to renew that CD for one year. Suzi will make the arrangements and will check with the bank about the rate. We have 7 days to make adjustments if the rate changes

9. Committee Reports:

A. Gift Books - Claire Kreher - Since 2/17, we received 5 gifts: 3 Memorial, 1 Honor, 1 Gift, for a total of \$240. We added 2 books.

B. Used Book Operations - Linda Bastien – no report

C. Newsletter & Public Relations – Chris Litka – Martha reported that Chris is looking for more articles for the newsletter. Ideas were discussed and will be sent to Chris.

D. Membership – Kathy Fox and Carol Murray - Our membership is at 157. 2 new individuals since last month. Totals: 42 Family, 73 Individual, 30 Patron, 12 Lifetime

Carol and I met with Sarah Milroy to discuss a new membership form. She had a couple of ideas but told us that her design would not have an envelope. Also, she needed to confer with our printer regarding weight, colors, price, etc. We will continue to work with Sara on this for next year's membership forms. We decided to be fiscally responsible and use what we have right now. (286 forms) This works out since we would be rushed to get the electronic method of payment onto the forms.

Carol wrote an article for our spring newsletter. We are asking new and returning members to encourage a friend to join the FRIENDS with them.

E. Gift Store Financials – Linda Schwelnus –The Friends Store had income of \$737 in February 2022, expenses of \$86, for net income of \$652. Sales have been steady so far this year, Feb income was slightly higher than January. Year-to-date income is \$1,458, expenses are \$422, for net income of \$1,036.

F. Volunteer Coordinator – Betty Kaiser – no report

G. Scholarships – Denise Stacer – Committee will meet early April to review applications. Selection must be completed before April 11. Linda Schwelnus kindly agreed to present the scholarship awards at the May 24th in person ceremony at the high school.

H. Read to Me Program – Denise Stacer – We are hoping to get this program going again by January 2023. Denise will discuss with Caryn, head of youth department, the possibility of having a baby story time in the fall as a one-time event.

10. Old Business – none

11. New Business –

A. Millage Campaign Committee Report and Donation Approval – The committee needs \$10,000 for their mailing. They will be holding two fundraising events. April 5th at Genitti's and April 12th at George's Senate Coney Island. Invitations with event information will be sent out shortly. Friends had budgeted for an additional \$1250 to be given to support the millage but because our budget for this year is slightly larger, we are able to increase our contribution. We approved a \$1400 donation to the millage committee.

12. Citizen Comments – Carol Doyle, NDL Trustee, thanked the Friends for all we do to support the library. She appreciates that Martha attends the trustee meetings and keeps them up to date on our progress.

13. Adjourn by Martha Nork at 8:10pm.

Important Date: Next Board Meeting – Thursday, April 21, 7:00 pm