

Friends Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2023

1. **Call to Order** by President Martha Nork at 7:08 pm.
2. **Attendance**
Present: Linda Bastien, Linda Bolam, Kathy Fox, Claire Kreher, Carol Murray, Martha Nork, Rick Nork, Linda Schwelnus, Laura Mancini (NDL Director) Maria Williams (NDL Assistant Director)
Absent: Charlene Cach, Betty Kaiser, Chris Litka, Regina Mingela, Suzy Salsbury, Denise Stacer
Guest: Margaret Zonca
NDL Trustees: Carol Doyle, Alan Somershoe, Deborah Stanifer, Tom Thompson, Nick Vlisides
3. **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve the agenda of March 16, 2023 was made by Linda Schwelnus and seconded by Carol Murray. Motion passed.
4. **Review and approval of Meeting Minutes** from February 16, 2023 - Motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Carol Murray and seconded by Claire Kreher. Motion passed.
5. **Election of Officers** - Nominating Committee (Rick Nork, Kathy Fox, Denise Stacer) Rick Nork presented the nominees for the FNDL Board of Directors. The slate of officers was unanimously approved. The nominated directors were unanimously approved. The membership chairperson position is still open.
6. **President's Report** - Martha Nork
 - Mission statement
 - Thank you to Browndog Barlor who donated the ice cream for tonight's meeting. And, thanks to Jeff Zak Catering in Plymouth for the courtesy discount on the cookies.
 - The Friends voted by email to sponsor two library programs this spring:
"Through the Eyes of Rose with John F. Kozak", Monday, May 15 th at 7 pm.
\$125 Registration is open
"Lotus Flower Lantern Craft – Thursday, May 18 at 7pm - \$300 Registration opens April 18 th – 30 spaces.
 - -FOML (Friends of Michigan Libraries) conference, "Talk About Friends" was rescheduled to tomorrow, March 17th at the Novi library. I will be attending. The FOML Annual Membership Meeting is online via Zoom on Thursday, April 6th at 10:00 am. The speaker is Peter Pearson, and his presentation is entitled "What is being a friend of the library all about?". This event is open to all Friends and registration is online with payment of \$10.

- Linda Bastien was honored again last Thursday evening at the Northville Awards Dinner along with volunteers from 3 other organizations. Thanks to Laura Mancini for the nice speech she gave to introduce Linda. Laura's speech not only honored Linda as the library's "Volunteer of the Year", but also brought attention to our used book operations and the great volume of materials the community donates.

7. **Library Director's Report** - Laura Mancini

Due to the popularity of the children's monthly craft kits, the Northville District Library is going to double the amount it provides to the public. The Library is looking for a few volunteers from the Friends who might be willing to come in on a monthly basis to help assemble the kits.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce held an event on March 9th to recognize the Volunteers of the Year for Northville, Northville Township, the Northville Chamber of Commerce and the Northville District Library. Linda Bastien was recognized as the Library's volunteer of the year and as honored with an award from the Chamber.

The Northville District Library held its annual Battle of the Books competition on March 8th. Approximately 115 students participated in this year's event and the winning team was The Bibliophiles. Special thanks goes to Martha and Rick Nork for volunteering at the event and as always, a gigantic thanks goes to the Friends for funding this special event, the NDL's largest annual single-day event.

The Board of Directors of the Northville District Library has begun to look at the long-term spaces planning needs of the facility and work will continue on this project throughout the year.

8. **Treasurer's Report** - Linda Schwelnus

For the month of February, Income was \$1,395.46 from donations, gift book donations, membership, and Used Book Sales. Expenses were \$98.21 for a dolly cart for the offsite Used Book storage location. YTD income exceeds expenses by \$4,238.38. The report was moved to approve and seconded. Motion passed.

9. **Committee Reports:**

A. Membership - Kathy Fox and Carol Murray

Patrons/Businesses - **0** Family - **1** Individual - **5** Teens - **0**

Lifetime - **13** A total of **19 Members**

We are counting members for our 2023-2024 membership year. May continues to be the month of our membership drive. Envelopes and a ½ sheet will be included in our April newsletter. The sheet has been updated to include our QR code that includes a choice to use PayPal or a credit card. We had 26 members use the QR code this past

year. We had 44 new members, many of them due to the code. We also had one new Lifetime membership.

Our new brochures are posted around the library and in the book cellar.

- B. Volunteer Coordinator - Betty Kaiser - no report
- C. Read to Me Program - Denise Stacer - no report
- D. Scholarships - there were 2 applications for our scholarships. We will meet to discuss them. One will receive \$1,000 from Northville Marathon Bridge and the other will receive \$500.
- E. Gift Books - Claire Kreher - We received 9 gifts, 8 in memory of someone and one gift donation, since 2/16/23 for a total of \$345. We have added 4 books to the library.
- F. Used Book Operations - Linda Bastien

February proceeds from the Cellar are \$1,106.85.

We've started charging \$10.00 for a bag of books. There have been no complaints and we still continue to sell many bags. We have a new volunteer, a librarian at Silver Springs Elementary, who is helping to sort and arrange books for the children's book sale that is coming up on March 25th. I explained to her that we no longer sell children's books by the bag (and won't at the sale) but that I hadn't really wanted to exclude teachers from buying children's books by the bag. She said that since all teachers have an ID badge, we could still sell by the bag to them if they show their badge.

- G. Newsletter & Public Relations - Chris Litka

Please submit any favorite books recommendations for the next newsletter.

The deadline for material for the newsletter is March 22.

Our Stamping Party for the newsletter is April 12 th at 12:30 in the Friends Community Room.

PR report for the Board Meeting: Chris Litka

There have been 4 Mail Chimp emails sent since January 1 regarding:

- Expanded Book Cellar hours
- Amazon Smile discontinued
- Annual Meeting notice

10. Discussion Items

We decided to donate \$50 to Tipping Point Theatre in memory of Denise Stacer's Mother, Corinne Opiteck.

Nick Vlisides, Trustees Chairman, thanked the Friends for their great support.

11. Citizen Comments

12. Adjourn 8:04 pm

Important Dates:

Kids Only Used Book Sale - Saturday, March 25th, 10 am - 2 pm

Next Board Meeting - April 20th, 7:00 pm, Friends Community Room