

## **Friends Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday, May 18, 2023

1. **Call to Order** by President Martha Nork at 6:31 pm.
2. **Attendance**  
Present: Linda Bastien, Linda Bolam, Charlene Cach, Kathy Fox, Betty Kaiser, Claire Kreher, Regina Mingela, Martha Nork, Linda Schwelnus, Denise Stacer, Maria Williams (NDL Assistant Director)  
Absent: Cindy Frango, Chris Litka, Carol Murray, Rick Nork, Laura Mancini (NDL Director)
3. **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve the agenda of May 18, 2023 was made by Regina M. and seconded by Betty K. Motion passed.
4. **Review and approval of Meeting Minutes** from March 16, 2023 - motion to approve by Linda Bastien and seconded by Claire Kreher. Motion passed.
5. **Secretary's Report** - Kathy Fox passed around a Thank You note from the family of Corinne Opiteck.
6. **President's Report** - Martha Nork  
We discussed making a book donation in memory of Jim Morche. Betty K. made a motion to donate \$100 to purchase CD Audio books in Jim's memory. Linda Schwelnus seconded. Motion passed.  
Martha attended 2 FOML (Friends of Michigan Library) events: March 17th, "Table Talk" at the Novi Library. The speaker talked about the importance of having an agreement with the library and Trustees, which we have. FOML Annual Meeting was April 6th via Zoom. Linda Schwelnus and Martha attended.  
Martha thanked Denise Stacer for shopping and delivering treats on 4/25 for National Library Workers Day.
7. **Library Director's Report** - Maria Williams

### **Free Comic Book Day**

Teen Services Librarian Natalie Molnar and Adult Services Librarian Samantha Loree hosted an event for Free Comic Book Day on Saturday, May 6. 144 patrons attended the event and were able to choose from a selection of free comic books, do a Guardians of the Galaxy-themed craft, and watch a movie. Thanks to the Friends for sponsoring this event!

### **Local Author Fair**

This year's Local Author Fair will take place on Saturday, May 20 from 2-4 PM and will feature 42 local authors from Northville and metro Detroit. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event and features more authors than ever before. More than 80 authors applied to participate. The event will be promoted live on the morning news on May 20, on WXYZ (Channel 7) at 6:45 AM, and again on

WDIV (Channel 4) at 8:20 AM. We're hoping for at least 200 attendees. Thanks to the Friends for sponsoring this event!

### **New Adult Services Librarian**

A new part-time Adult Services Librarian will start on May 23. Her name is Sara Jurek and she has previously worked at Baldwin Public Library, Southfield Public Library, and Dearborn Heights Public Library. Please introduce yourselves when you see her around.

### **Michigan Notable Author Jennifer Murphy visits Northville**

On Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00 PM NDL will host Michigan Notable Author Jennifer Murphy for an event at Northville Township Hall. Registration for the event is open now. Jennifer's book, *Scarlet in Blue*, is a suspenseful tale of a mother and daughter on the run from events in their past, and is set largely in South Haven, Michigan. All three of the Library's book clubs for adult patrons will read the novel in their June meetings and we're hopeful for excellent turnout.

### **Summer Reading Starts June 17<sup>th</sup>**

This year's Summer Reading theme is "All Together Now" and the program will kick off on Saturday, June 17 with a Touch-A-Truck event in the parking lot of Northville High School. From fire trucks to garbage trucks to dump trucks and more, all sorts of vehicles and the people who use them to build, serve, and protect our community will be there. Summer Reading is for kids, teens, and adults with different challenges and great prizes for each age group.

### **Summer Sundays**

The Library will be closed on Sunday, June 18 in observance of Father's Day, but after that we will be open from 1-5 PM on Sundays throughout the Summer. Sunday hours in the summertime have long been requested by patrons and the Library's Board of Trustees voted to make this change at a recent meeting.

### **Library of Things**

Thanks to donations by the Friends of NDL, the Library has been able to purchase many new items for its small (but growing!) Library of Things collection, including birdwatching kits, portable DVD and CD players, and fishing poles. The fishing poles were purchased with money that was donated in honor of longtime Friends member and avid fisherman, Will Bastien. These items should be available for checkout sometime in early June.

### **Membership Email**

Next week the Library will send an enewsletter to its email list urging patrons to join or donate to the Friends of the Library before the end of May. Hopefully it will result in a number of new and renewing members!

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

Income for March and April included Dividends from CDs at CFCU, interest, Donations (\$1,000 from Marathon Bridge Club for a scholarship), Gift Books, Memberships, Used Book Sales and Vendor Sales of used books. YTD income is \$12,689.67.

Expenses include Printing and design of the new membership brochure, Gift Books, and the Friend-sponsored program Merry Berry which was held in December. YTD expenses total \$1,977.20 for net income of \$10,712.47.

Two CDs at CFCU recently expired and funds were invested in two new CDs: a 29-month certificate at 3.06% and a 13-month certificate at 2.97%.

The Financial report was moved to approve by Linda Bolam and seconded by Linda Bastien. Motion passed.

9. **Committee Reports:**

A. Membership - Kathy Fox and Carol Murray

Patrons/Businesses - **14** Family - **18** Individual - **36** Teens - **1**  
Lifetime - **13** A total of **82 Members**

Carol, Martha, Betty, and Kathy put up the Friends display case for the month of May. Membership forms and envelopes were sent out with the newsletter in April. An email blast will go out soon as a reminder to renew/join the Friends. Around 10 newsletter membership forms were sent back in a sad state by the post office.

B. Read to Me Program - Denise Stacer - no report

C. Scholarships - Denise Stacer

There were 2 scholarship winners. They will attend our next meeting.

D. Gift Books - Claire Kreher - We received 4 gifts in memory of someone for a total of \$275. We have added 5 books and 1 Audio Picture Book to the library. Claire sent around a thank you letter from Tipping Point Theatre for our donation in memory of Corinne Opiteck.

E. Used Book Operations - Linda Bastien

March proceeds from the Cellar are \$1,272.63 with an additional \$322 from off-site sales. April proceeds are \$1,431.10 with an additional \$2,245.84 from our vendor sales.

Linda reported on the fun and successful Children's Book Sale in March. An outdoor sale is planned for July 29th. Sunday sales are going well. One of our volunteers suggested placing the Used Book Cellar information in the Northville Downtown Development Authority newsletter to help publicize the Cellar itself and special events such as our outdoor sales or any other event.

F. Newsletter & Public Relations - Chris Litka

Chris asked for people to let her know if she should send out an email for anything relating to their position.

10. **Special Committee Reports:**

Volunteer Fair - Sept. 30th Martha, Betty, and Linda Bolom will work on the brochure and invite the same people.

Book Mark Project - Martha will form a committee to hold a Book Mark Contest for children to design a bookmark. They will brainstorm ways to use the entries.

Cider on Sunday - October 15th in the Carlo Room. Everyone should be looking for basket ideas.

Vicki Dixon sent a list of programs for our potential sponsorship.

Craft kit assembly is the 4th Tuesday at 1pm in the Friends' room.

11. **Adjourn** 7:40 pm