

Friends Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, June 15, 2023

1. **Call to Order** by President Martha Nork at 7:00 pm.
2. **Attendance**
Present: Linda Bastien, Cindy Frango, Kathy Fox, Claire Kreher, Chris Litka, Regina Mingela, Martha Nork, Linda Schwelnus, Denise Stacer,
Absent: Linda Bolam, Charlene Cach, Betty Kaiser, Carol Murray, Rick Nork, Laura Mancini (NDL Director), Maria Williams (NDL Assistant Director)
3. **Approval of Agenda** - We discussed adding the presentation of the Friends Scholarship winners to the agenda. The agenda was approved as amended.
4. **Presentation of Scholarship winners** - Denise introduced the scholarship committee and presented the two winners. Owen K is the Northville Marathon Bridge Scholarship recipient and Leo J is the Friends of NDL Scholarship recipient. Both winners explained their college plans and thanked us for the scholarships.
5. **Review and approval of Meeting Minutes** from May 18, 2023 - motion to approve by Denise Stacer and seconded by Claire Kreher. Motion passed.
6. **Secretary's Report** - no report
7. **President's Report** - Martha Nork
The Friends April meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

In addition to Gift Book funds, we also received unrestricted donations in memory of Judy DeFrancesco. The board discussed making a donation in memory of Judy. It was decided to add \$100 from the Friends to the \$200 in donations to purchase something for the Youth Dept. since Judy was an elementary teacher. Denise made a motion to donate \$100 to purchase a gift in the Youth Department. Chris Litka 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Martha will discuss the gift with NDL staff members.

The next craft kit assembly party will be on Tuesday, June 27th at 1:00 pm. (Friends room)

8. **Library Director's Report** - The 3rd Annual Local Author Fair was held on May 20th with 215 people in attendance. This year's event featured 42 authors, half of whom were Northville residents. The Library was thrilled that both WDIV and WXYZ tv covered the event. It is rare to have that kind of media attention. A very special thank you goes to the Friends for sponsoring this year's event. The NDL looks forward to repeating this fair in 2024!

Every year the Library of Michigan selects 20 books written by Michigan authors or books about Michigan and awards them with a Michigan Notable Book designation. The Northville District Library had the opportunity to bring author Jennifer Murphy to town for a program at Township Hall on Tuesday, June 13th. Her book, *Scarlet in Blue*, follows a mother and daughter who are on the run and end up in South Haven, Michigan. *Scarlet in Blue* was the featured book for all of the NDL's book clubs this month. The Library received several positive comments about Ms. Murphy and her book from patrons who attended Tuesday night's program.

Summer Reading kicks off on Saturday, June 17th with a huge Touch-a-Truck program at Northville High School. Children will have the opportunity to interact with the drivers and their vehicles of those who help to build, protect and serve the Northville community. Participants will also have the opportunity to register for summer reading at the Touch-a-Truck program or they can do so online. This year, the NDL is using the Beanstack program for summer reading registrations and reading racking. Beanstack can be found on the Library's website or patrons can download to their mobile phone as an app. Beanstack is used by many public libraries throughout the country. Parents of young children like using the app because it allows them to record their child's reading activities right in their phone. Paper logs will be also be available for pick-up at the NDL for those patrons who do not wish to use the online option. The theme of Summer Reading this year is All Together Now. Special programming will be offered this summer for adults, kids and teen geared around this theme. The Library thanks for the Friends for their continued sponsorship of the Summer Reading program at the NDL.

The NDL will be closed for Father's Day on June 18th. Going forward the NDL will be open all Sundays throughout the summer from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The Arts and Acts Festival will be held this weekend June 16-18th on Cady St. The public will need to access the Library using Rogers to get to Cady Street. The NDL will be open for normal business hours on Friday and Saturday.

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

Linda passed around a Tipping Point program that included a Friends donation in memory of Corinne Opiteck.

Income for May included interest, Donations, Gift Books, Memberships, and Used Book Sales. YTD income is \$16,759.16.

Expenses include annual meeting expenses, fees for attending FOML annual meeting, printing of the recent Newsletter, and staff appreciation. YTD expenses total \$2,447.83 for net income of \$14,311.33.

The Financial report was moved to approve by Regina M. and seconded by Claire K. Motion passed.

10. **Committee Reports:**

- A. Membership - Kathy Fox and Carol Murray
Patrons/Businesses - **17** Family - **21** Individual - **50** Teens - **3**
Lifetime - **13** A total of **104 Members**

Maria sent out an email blast as a reminder to renew/join the Friends. We are still looking for someone to chair the membership committee.

- B. Read to Me Program - Denise Stacer - no report
- C. Scholarships - Denise Stacer - handled at the beginning of the meeting
- D. Gift Books - Claire Kreher - We received 10 gifts this month. Eight in memory of someone and two in honor of someone for a total of \$726.
We added 4 Audio CDs.
- E. Used Book Operations - Linda Bastien
March proceeds from the Cellar are \$1,400.75.
Robin and Linda sorted books that are stored in our storage unit. There are 7 carts of books ready for the Used Book Sale on July 29th from 10 am - 2 pm.
Books will be outdoors and in the Carlo Room.
- F. Newsletter & Public Relations - Chris Litka - no report

10. **Special Committee Reports:**

Book Mark Project - the committee members are: Cindy Frango, Chris Litka, Martha Nork, and Denise Stacer. They will work with Maria.
Cider on Sunday - October 15th in the Carlo Room. Everyone should be looking for basket ideas.

11. **Discussion:** The Friends sponsor programs throughout the year. We gave \$500 towards the Notable Authors program on June 13th. Regina represented the Friends at a dinner held at the Garage prior to the program with the author, Jennifer Murphy. We decided to sponsor Music of the Motor City with David Rodgers on July 20th for \$300.

12. **Adjourn** 8:15 pm

Next Board Meeting - Thursday, September 21st, 7pm, Friends Community Room