

## **Friends of NDL Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday, April 10, 2025

1. **Call to Order** by President Martha Nork at 7:01 pm.
2. **Attendance**  
Present: Racha Alchommali, Linda Bastien, Kathy Fox, Claire Kreher, Regina Mingela, Martha Nork, Linda Schwelnus, Denise Stacer, Laura Mancini (NDL Director).  
Absent: Charlene Cach, Cindy Frango, Chris Litka, Kimberly Meisel
3. **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve the agenda was made by Denise and seconded by Kathy. Motion passed.
4. **Review and approval of Meeting Minutes** from March 13, 2025  
Motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Denise and seconded by Kathy. Motion passed.
5. **Secretary's Report** - No report
6. **Treasurer's Report** - Linda Schwelnus  
A motion was made to approve the Financial Report for Jan 2025 since a hardcopy of the report was not available at the Feb meeting. It was unanimously approved.  
For March 2025, Income included interest on CDs, donations, Memberships, Gift Books, and Used Book sales, for a total of \$3,085.87. Expenses included annual meeting expenses, dues and membership fees for FOML and the Northville Chamber, and payment of annual tax preparation for a total of \$639.94. Net income for the First Quarter is \$7,060.56.  
Bank balances, including two CD's, totaled \$74,584.52 at the end of March.  
A motion was made by Denise to approve the report, seconded by Linda Bastien and unanimously approved.
7. **President's Report** - Martha Nork  
-The Friends took in treats for the staff on Tuesday, April 8th, National Library Workers Day. Thanks to Denise for the shopping and to Kathy for help with the set-up.  
-Friends of Michigan Libraries Annual Meeting is tomorrow in Lansing. Racha will be going to represent Northville. Martha will attend via Zoom.  
-Friends of Michigan Libraries May conference will be held at the Novi Public Library on the 9th from 9:30AM – 12:15PM. Clare Membiela the Library Law Consultant will be the main speaker. More information will be sent out. Everyone on the Board is welcome to attend and the cost is \$10 per person.  
- A sample of the Northville Chamber of Commerce "Welcome" bags is on display. The cost to put 100 items in the bag is \$30. There was discussion about the Friends involvement in this advertising idea. The board agreed it was worthwhile.  
-The 2024 Annual Report and updated By-Laws are on the website.

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

National Library Week-

Thank you for the wonderful treats. The blue theme was so creative!

Thank you for sending out an email to your membership regarding the funding cuts at the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The long-term outlook for this agency and its funding is still very much unknown. Two lawsuits have been filed to stop the defunding and the dismantling of the agency.

The NDL is continuing to work to upgrade its security. The NDL will be transitioning away from keys and moving to swipe badges. Volunteers will receive their own swipe badges. There have been a couple of serious incidents at the NDL during the past few months which demonstrate the ongoing need to keep the building safe for patrons and staff alike.

National Comic Book is May 4. Thank you for sponsoring the event-please be sure to stop in at the Library on this day and pick up a comic book!

Continuing work on new ILS set to transition on July 21st.

9. **Committee Reports:**

A. Used Book Operations - Linda Bastien

The Book Cellar made \$1,525.60 for the month of March and \$1,173.85.

There will be a Military History Book Sale for Armed Forces Day on May 17th.

B. Gift Books - Claire Kreher

Since March 13th, we received 3 Gifts - 2 Honorary, 1 Memorial for a total of \$80. (\$50 from Friends of NDL) **13** books were added this month.

C. Volunteer Appreciation - Claire Kreher for Denise Stacer

April: Maureen Trombley

D. Membership - Kathy for Cindy Frango

There was 1 new Lifetime membership since the March meeting.

Our current membership is:

Patrons- **22** Businesses - **9** Family - **38** Individual - **81** Teens - **5**

Lifetime - **15** A total of **170 members**

E. Newsletter & Public Relations - Martha for Chris Litka

The Stamping party for the spring newsletter is Wednesday, April 23rd at 1:00PM in the Friends Community Room. Please bring the address of a new person or business to send a newsletter.

F. Scholarships - Martha for Denise: One student was selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Friends. The winner will attend our June meeting.

10. **Citizen Comments:**

2 guests attended our meeting

12. **Motion to Adjourn** 7:32 pm Motion passed.