

Friends of NDL Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 2025

1. **Call to Order** by Secretary Kathy Fox at 5:33 pm.
2. **Attendance**
Present: Racha Alchommali, Linda Bastien, Charlene Cach, Kathy Fox, Cindy Frango, Claire Kreher, Kimberly Meisel, Regina Mingela, Linda Schwelnus, Laura Mancini (NDL Director).
Absent: Chris Litka, Martha Nork, Denise Stacer
3. **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve the agenda was made by Regina and seconded by Racha. Motion passed.
4. **Review and approval of Meeting Minutes** from April 10, 2025
Motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Linda and seconded by Claire. Motion passed.
5. **Secretary's Report** - No report
6. **Treasurer's Report** - Linda Schwelnus
For April 2025, Income included bank interest, donations, Memberships, Gift Books, and Used Book sales, for a total of \$1,672.69. Expenses included Honor Gifts, Bookmark printing and Newsletter creative, Used Books misc expense for purchase of a cash box, staff appreciation snacks, and Library Reimbursements for Battle of the Books and gift books for a total of \$5,626.86. Net income for the YTD is \$3,106.60.
Bank balances, including two CD's, totaled \$70,630.56 at the end of April.
A motion was made by Linda Bastien to approve the report, seconded by Regina and unanimously approved.
7. **President's Report** - Linda Schwelnus for Martha Nork
Thanks to Chris for the great job on the spring newsletter. There are still some extra folded ones in the Friends cupboard if anyone wants anymore to send or to give out.
Thanks to Linda Bastien and Pam Unsworth for the wonderful job on the display case for the month of May! Please take a look.
Martha attended a Northville Chamber networking event on April 16 th at Seen Vision Care. Hoping for a few new business memberships.
The board discussed making a donation in memory of Maria's mother. It was decided to donate \$50 for a gift book in her memory.
8. **Library Director's Report** - Laura Mancini
Comic Book Day was Saturday, May 3rd and 151 people attended the event and received free comic books. Thank you, Friends, for sponsoring this event! It had the largest attendance yet!

The NDL's Summer Reading program for all ages begins Saturday, June 2nd. Library staff are finalizing all the arrangements for the events and prizes.

Make-It will be expanding its hours starting June 15th. With the additional hours, MakeIT will now be open 7 days a week for use.

The NDL will be debuting a new online catalog to the public in July. Library staff are working to prepare the transition to a new system.

9. **Committee Reports:**

- A. Scholarships - No report
- B. Used Book Operations - Linda Bastien
The Book Cellar made \$1,161.51 for the month of April.
There will be a Military History Book Sale for Armed Forces Day on May 17th.
- C. Gift Books - Claire Kreher
Since April 10th, we received 3 Gifts - 1 Honorary, 1 Memorial, and 1 Gift for a total of \$465.
(\$25 from Friends of NDL) **12** books were added this month.
- D. Volunteer Appreciation - Claire Kreher
May: Deb Blazaitis
- E. Membership - Kathy for Cindy Frango
There were 2 new members since the April meeting.
Our current membership is:
Patrons- **23** Businesses - **9** Family - **38** Individual - **82** Teens - **5**
Lifetime - **15** A total of **172 members**
The newsletter helped to bring in 41 renewals since the beginning of May.
It listed our "Over and Above" donors as well.
- F. Newsletter & Public Relations - No report

10. **Special Reports:**

FOML (Friends of MI Libraries) Annual Meeting - Racha Alchommali reported on attending the meeting and listed 5 points: public recognition (we are doing well), great financial management, discussion regarding the space we get from NDL compared to other Friends' meager space, scholarships help to relate to Gen Z, and how we address challenges and collaborate to come up with innovative solutions.

12. **Motion to Adjourn** 5:51 pm Motion passed.