

## **Friends Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024

1. **Call to Order** by President Martha Nork at 7:05 pm.
2. **Attendance**  
Present: Racha Alchommali, Linda Bastien, Charlene Cach, Kathy Fox, Cindy Frango, Chris Litka, Regina Mingela, Martha Nork, Denise Stacer, Laura Mancini (NDL Director)  
Absent: Betty Kaiser, Claire Kreher, Kimberly Meisel, Linda Schwelnus
3. **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve the agenda was made by Regina M. and seconded by Linda B. Motion passed.
4. **Review and approval of Meeting Minutes** from September 12, 2024 - Motion to approve the minutes was made by Linda B. and seconded by Denise S. Motion passed.
5. **Secretary's Report** - No report.
6. **President's Report** - Martha Nork  
-Fall tote bags are available this month at the Information Desk. We ordered 500 bags this year for \$1,500. The printing is done by a local business, Brand-IT who gives us a discount. We give them an honorary membership. The craft kit crew stuffed each one with a craft provided by the Youth Dept.  
-Linda Schwelnus' mother passed away. Denise made a motion to purchase a gift book in memory of Hilda Schwelnus. Linda B. seconded. Motion passed.
7. **Library Director's Report** - Laura Mancini  
Jody Strzalkowski, a clerk in the Technical Services Department, retired in September. Jody handled all the Friends' Gift Book requests. Until a replacement is hired for this position, please contact Maureen Simari for any Gift Book matters.  
Interviews are being conducted for the Library's Business Operations Specialist position, which was formerly held by Carla Eggert. The Library hopes to be able to have someone in this position by Thanksgiving.  
National Friends of the Library week is October 20-26th. Katie Rothley is working on something special to honor the Friends. Details to come soon and we hope you like it!  
The deadline for the NDL's Library Card redesign has been extended to October 14th.  
November 5th is Election Day. Please vote and do not forget to vote for the Library Board candidates. This usually appears near the end of your ballot.  
Northville will be celebrating its Bicentennial in 2027. The City of Northville has started a Bicentennial Task Force which will be planning the various celebrations that will take place in the community throughout the year. The Taskforce meets the last Tuesday of the month and is still accepting volunteers. The Friends might wish to consider having one of its board members join this group so that the Friends can be a part of the festivities and be recognized for their unique contribution to Northville over the decades.

8. **Treasurer's Report** - Martha Nork for Linda Schwelnus

The book cellar total for the August Financial Report was corrected to \$1,519.35.

Denise made a motion to reapprove the amended August Financial Report.

Racha seconded. Motion passed.

Martha presented the Financial Report for September 2024. For the month of Sept., with bank interest, donations, Gift Books, membership, and used books, income was \$2,077.34. September expenses are \$1015.89. Our YTD total income is \$31,992.69. YTD expenses are \$14,393.63.

A motion to approve the Financial Report for September 2024 was made by Denise and seconded by Cindy. It was unanimously approved.

9. **Committee Reports:**

A. Gift Books - Claire Kreher

Since Sept. 12th, we received 8 Gifts - 5 Memorials and 3 Honorary for a total of \$300. (\$50 from Friends of NDL)

We added 9 books.

B. Volunteer Appreciation - Denise Stacer

October: Claire Kreher (Board), Alan Somershoe (Volunteer)

The names of new volunteers need to be given to Denise.

C. Newsletter & Public Relations - Chris Litka

- Discussion about the enclosed reminder note in our newsletter and possible new volunteers.

- An email was sent about the awesome summer reading program results

- An email was sent out for Cider on Sunday

- An email was sent out about the Truman program

D. Used Book Operations - Linda Bastien

- September Book Cellar total was \$1,510.20.

- There will be a cart with CD's and DVD's at Cider on Sunday

- There will also be a free book cart for both adults and children

E. Membership - Cindy Frango

Since the Sept. meeting, there were 2 new members and 2 renewals.

Our current membership is:

Patrons/Businesses - **29** Family - **37** Individual - **67** Teens - **3**

Lifetime - **14** A total of **150 Members**

F. Scholarships - No report.

10. **Special Committee Reports:**

A. Bookmarks - Denise Stacer

There were 56 applicants. The committee selected 4 winners and sent them to the printer. The winners were contacted and will attend Cider on Sunday for a presentation.

B. Cider on Sunday (October 20th) - Martha Nork

The cider and donuts have been ordered. Northville Community Foundation has donated a pass to Maybury Farm for the raffle basket and Sweet Brew has donated items as well. Flyers are available to hang around town.

11. **Motion to adjourn** 7:45 pm     Motion passed.