

Friends of NDL Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, June 12, 2025

1. **Call to Order** by President Martha Nork at 7:00 pm.
2. **Attendance**
Present: Racha Alchommali, Charlene Cach, Kathy Fox, Claire Kreher, Chris Litka, Kimberly Meisel, Regina Mingela, Martha Nork, Denise Stacer, Laura Mancini (NDL Director), Maria Williams
Absent: Linda Bastien, Cindy Frango, Linda Schwelnus
Guest: Andrea Murdock
3. **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve the agenda as amended (deleted line 5, introducing the scholarship winner) was made by Chris and seconded by Denise.
Motion passed.
4. **Review and approval of Meeting Minutes** from May 8, 2025
Motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Racha and seconded by Regina.
Motion passed.
5. **Secretary's Report** - No report
6. **President's Report** - Martha Nork
 - The library is hosting a puzzles swap on June 28 th from 10-11:30AM. They will be donating the leftovers to the Book Cellar – heads-up Linda.
 - Katie Rothley has asked if we would like to participate in another program with her on October 8th. The theme is the TV show Gilmore Girls
 - The Operation Gratitude “mailbox” is still outside the Book Cellar. We are collecting letters for active service members. These anonymous letters of encouragement will be added to care packages.
 - The Youth department is taking the summer off from the Craft Kits. The craft kit assembly group will meet again on August 26 th to prepare the craft for September.
 - Idea for putting together craft kits made from damaged books
 - A survey about meeting dates was handed out to Board members
7. **Library Director's Report** - Laura Mancini
Summer Reading:
The theme this year is - Color Our World. The Youth Department has been decorated to reflect this theme, and the Youth Librarian did an amazing job!
The kick-off program was Touch-a-Truck, which was held on Saturday, June 7 th at Northville High School. Trucks were provided by fifteen different organizations and included news trucks, fire trucks, garbage trucks, and even a moving truck! 1,371 people attended the event, and dozens took the opportunity to sign up for summer reading. We currently have 361 people registered for SRP after only being 5 days into the program. If you have not registered, be sure to stop at the Information Desk on your

way out. Thank you for your financial support for this program- we could not do it without you.

ILS System Update:

The library is configuring its new ILS system which will debut to the public on Monday, July 21 st . As we transition out of the TLN shared system, holds on materials from other libraries can no longer be placed using the TLN system. Such holds need to be placed using MeLCat, which is available directly from the library's website. If you need any assistance with placing a hold, please do not hesitate to contact the library.

Programming in June:

The NDL is pleased to be able to host two authors from this year's Michigan Notable Books awards. Poet Keith Taylor will read from his book "What Can the Matter Be?" on Monday, June 16 th at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Felicia George will give a presentation regarding her book "When Detroit Played the Numbers" on Tuesday, June 17 th also at 7:00 p.m.

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

For June 2025, Income included \$330 in unrestricted donations, Bank interest, Memberships, Gift Books, and Used Book sales, for a total of \$5,816.54. Expenses included \$14.99 for staff appreciation, \$51.84 for supplies/miscellaneous and \$45 for FOML conference for a total of \$111.83.

A motion was made by Claire to approve the report, seconded by Kathy and unanimously approved.

9. **Committee Reports:**

A. Used Book Operations - Linda Bastien

The Book Cellar took in \$1,081.30 and the Military Sale made \$52.00 for a total of \$1,133.30 for the month of May. Our vendor, Better World Books sent 2 checks for a total of \$183.22. We should be getting a sales report and check sometime in June from Goodwill and we can determine how well the new program "Cash Monkey" is doing as opposed to the old program, Neat-O-Scan.

B. Gift Books - Claire Kreher

Since May 8th, we received 4 Gifts - 0 Honorary, 4 Memorial for a total of \$375. 4 books were added this month.

C. Volunteer Appreciation - Claire Kreher

June: Karlene Steckowski

D. Membership - Kathy for Cindy Frango

There were 3 new members since the May meeting. We gained 1 family and 2 new businesses (Orin Jewelers and McKenna Community Planning and Building Services) There have also been 38 renewals.

Our current membership is:

Patrons- **23** Businesses - **11** Family - **39** Individual - **82** Teens - **5**
Lifetime - **15** A total of **175 members**

- E. Newsletter & Public Relations - Chris Litka led a discussion about the newsletter. Members suggested we include book recommendations, share news stories pertinent to libraries and other library news.

10. **Guest Comments:** Andrea Murdock reported there would be a used book sale on Saturday, August 23. No theme. A large bag of books will be sold for \$10.

11. **Motion to Adjourn** 7:50 pm Motion passed.