

Friends of NDL Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, February 12, 2026

1. **Call to Order** by President Martha Nork at 5:31 pm.
2. **Attendance**
Present: Racha Alchommali, Linda Bastien, Kathy Fox, Cindy Frango, Claire Kreher, Chris Litka, Kimberly Meisel, Martha Nork, Linda Schwelnus, Denise Stacer, Maria Williams (NDL Asst. Director)
Absent: Charlene Cach, Regina Mingela
Guests: Andrea Murdock, Chuck Murdock
3. **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Denise and seconded by Racha. Motion passed. (Director's report by Maria Williams)
4. **Review and approval of Meeting Minutes** from December 11, 2025
Motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Denise and seconded by Linda B. Motion passed.
5. **Secretary's Report** - Kathy read two Thank You/Holiday cards.
6. **President's Report** - Martha Nork
The last bookmarks from the kid's contest were put out at the end of November. We printed 300 each of the 4 designs.
The Winter Extravaganza was on December 16th. It was very cute with lots of activities going on. We sponsored this event.
We took in treats for the staff on December 17th. Thank you to Denise for shopping, and to Kathy for helping Denise and me with the set-up.
FOML (Friends of MI Libraries) annual dues of \$50 were paid in January. This is now on autopay with our credit card. The FOML Annual Meeting is Friday, April 10th at 9am at the Delta Township Library in Lansing. All Board members are welcome to go.
Friends brochures went to the Northville Chamber for their "Welcome Packets."
\$30 for 100 brochures.
We decided via email to sponsor the Irish folk singer, Enda Reilly at Mill Race on Thursday, March 19th at 7pm. The cost is \$500.
Fundraiser ideas: both Buddy's and Tropical Care will give back 20% of proceeds for the day. Possibly do Buddy's in April during National Library Week? After some discussion, it was decided that we would try to register for Wed., April 22nd at Buddy's.

7. **Library Director's Report** - Maria Williams

NDL Annual Luncheon

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Chamber of Commerce Community Awards Dinner

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Community Survey

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Teen Battle of the Books

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Thank you to the Friends of NDL for your continued support of the Battle of the Books!

Vicki Dixon's Leave

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

A correction to the Bank Balances shown on the November report:

Bank Balances as of 11/30/2025

Checking	\$42,696.18
30 23-Month Certificate	\$11,862.12
32 8-Month Certificate	\$11,891.00
Total	\$66,449.30

For Dec 2025, Income included bank interest and dividends from our two CDs, Donations, Memberships, Gift Books, and Used Book sales, for a total of \$2,256.93 Expenses included printing of the Membership brochure, newsletter, and Bookmarks; Cider on Sunday, and Staff Appreciation from the Friends,

supplies, misc Used Book cellar expense, Friends-sponsored program (City Lights), 2026 Wish List items paid to the Library in 2025 (for Cool Reads Winter Program, Winter Extravaganza, and Book Page Subscription) for a total of \$7,094.40. Net income for the 2025 calendar year is a loss of \$5,912.13.

Bank balances, including two CD's, totaled \$61,609.41 at the end of Dec.

The report also included a comparison of spending vs. budget for the 2025 calendar year. As of the end of Dec, income is 139% of budget, and expenses are 122% of budget.

A motion was made by Cindy Frango to approve the report, seconded by Chris Litka and unanimously approved.

The January income and expense report was also reviewed. Income included bank interest, donations, Gift Books, Memberships, and Used Books for a total of \$1,436.78. Expenses included printing of Gift Book envelopes, Used Book expenses, and Staff Appreciation from Friends (For December surprise snacks). Expenses totaled \$174.60.

A motion was made by Denise and seconded by Kathy Fox to approve the January report. It was unanimously supported.

9. **Committee Reports:**

- A. Used Book Operations - Linda Bastien
Chuck and Andrea Murdock said that there are not enough books in our storage for a Spring Book Sale.
The display case looks great.
- B. Gift Books - Claire Kreher
Since December 11th, we received 6 Gifts:
2 Memorial Gifts, 3 Honorary Gifts, & 1 additional Gift.
We received \$225 and added 24 new books.
- C. Volunteer Appreciation - Claire Kreher
January: Barbara Rice (Book Cellar)
February: Carol Gorell (Book Cellar/Craft Kits)
- D. Membership - Cindy Frango
There have been 2 new members since the December meeting.
We gained 1 Patron member and 1 Family member.
Our current membership is:
Patrons- **19** Businesses - **10** Family - **37** Individual - **72** Teens - **3**
Lifetime - **15** A total of **156 members**
(Gentherm is also a Lifetime Member)

- E. Public Relations - Chris Litka
Discussion about reinventing the Newsletter. Possible digital format giving information to our members via email.
- F. Scholarships - Denise Stacer
We are waiting for NHS to send out applications to students and will meet when we get returns.

10. **Discussion**

The Board discussed how to welcome new Northville business members. We have a list of new Chamber of Commerce members and thought we could make up a welcome letter, or a brochure, and possibly work with NDL to get our message out. Martha will ask Katie Rothley for ideas. Kathy and Cindy offered to help with this initiative.

11. **Motion to Adjourn** 6:38 pm Motion passed.

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