

Friends of NDL Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, March 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, Laura Mancini (NDL Director), Martha Nork, Linda Schwelnus, Denise Stacer,
Absent: Charlene Cach, Chris Litka, Kimberly Meisel, Regina Mingela
Guests: Michael DeFrancesco, Carol Doyle, Jennifer Gustafson, Janet Nawrocki, Sara Quashnie
3. **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve the agenda was made by Denise and seconded by Linda B. Motion passed.
4. **Review and approval of Meeting Minutes** from February 12, 2026
Motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Denise and seconded by Racha. Motion passed.
5. **Election of Board Members** - Nominating Committee: Cindy, Claire, Denise
Claire read off the Board nominations positions. Linda B. made a motion to accept the nominees as read for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Seconded and passed unanimously. Cindy made a motion to accept the nominees for the rest of the board as read. Linda B. seconded and passed unanimously.
6. **Secretary's Report** - Kathy Fox No report.
7. **President's Report** - Martha Nork
-The 2025 Annual Report was distributed.
-Battle of the Books was on March 3rd. This is one of the programs we support annually, and we provided volunteers to register the teams.
-We are sponsoring the concert by Enda Reilly, Irish Folk singer next Thursday night, March 19 th at Mill Race Village. Registration is open online.
- Buddy's fundraiser is on April 22nd from 11-8PM. This will be at Buddy's on Beck Road only. The draft of a flyer with details was reviewed.
-Martha reported that she attended a Northville Chamber of Commerce networking event on Wednesday, March 11 th at Mill Race Cady Inn.
8. **Library Director's Report** - Laura Mancini

The 20th annual Battle of the Books took place on March 3rd at Northville High School. Eighteen teams comprising 85 students from Hillside Middle School, Meads Mill Middle School and Our Lady of Victory School. This is an increase from last year. The winning team (for a second year in a row) was the Read's Mill Page-triots. A special thanks to the Friends of the NDL for continuing to provide the funding that makes this wonderful event possible.

The Northville District Library released its Community Survey on space planning to the public on March 1st. A QR code has been created to allow district residents to electronically complete survey. Paper copies will be available at the NDL if people need to use this format. As Library advocates, all Friends' board members are being requested to share information about the survey with their Northville families and friends. The survey is to run through April 15th.

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

For Feb 2026, Income included bank interest, donations, Memberships, Gift Books, and Used Book and Vendor sales for a total of \$7,228.17. Expenses included payment of the annual 2025 Sales Tax to the state of Michigan and expenses for the Friends-Sponsored Galantine's Day program for a total of \$1,075.79. Net income for the YTD is \$7,414.56.

Bank balances, including two CD's, totaled \$69,026.39 at the end of Feb.

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

10. **Committee Reports:**

A. Scholarships - Denise Stacer

Martha, Racha, Denise, Linda S., and Kathy are on the committee. We will be looking at the applications shortly.

The presentation is scheduled for the end of May.

B. Used Book Operations - Linda Bastien

Linda said that Chuck and Andrea are holding a Book Sale on Friday, June 5th through Monday, June 8th in the Carlo Room. Volunteers are needed for moving boxes from storage and set up in the Carlo Room. There will be a special time for Friends members only before the general public sale begins. The Children's Book Sale will be set up outside.

C. Gift Books - Claire Kreher

We received 1 Honorary Gift since February 12th. (Friends of NDL)

We received \$25 and added 10 new books.

Claire needs replacement of the 3 Gift Book cards so will reorder.

D. Volunteer Appreciation - Claire Kreher

March: Kimberly Meisel (Book Cellar)

E. Membership - Cindy Frango

There has been 1 new member since the February meeting.

Cindy removed 13 members from the database since our new Membership year is the calendar year: January 1 through December 31.

Our current membership is:

Patrons- **18** Businesses - **10** Family - **33** Individual - **65** Teens - **2**

Lifetime - **15** A total of **143 members**

(Gentherm is also a Lifetime Member)

F. Public Relations - Chris Litka No report.

11. **Open Discussion**

Jennifer Gustafson (Trustee) proposed a fundraiser to promote business memberships for the Friends. She and her husband, John, are donating a dinner for 50 at Schoolcraft College in April. Discussion followed.

She thanked Linda B. for a past donation of books that benefited A Brilliant Detroit.

11. **Motion to Adjourn** 6:25 pm Motion passed.