

Friends of NDL Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 2026

1. **Call to Order** by President Martha Nork at 5:31 pm.
2. **Attendance**
Present: Racha Alchommali, Kathy Fox, Claire Kreher, Chris Litka, Laura Mancini (NDL Director), Martha Nork, Linda Schwelnus, Denise Stacer, Maria Williams (Asst. NDL Dir.)
Absent: Linda Bastien, Charlene Cach, Cindy Frango, Regina Mingela
Guests: Andrea Murdock, Chuck Murdock
3. **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve the agenda was made by Denise and seconded by Racha. Motion passed.
4. **Review and approval of Meeting Minutes** from March 12, 2026
Motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Denise and seconded by Racha. Motion passed.
5. **Secretary's Report** - Kathy Fox
A thank you email from Maria Heitzler and information on the Northville Bicentennial was presented.
6. **President's Report** - Martha Nork

The Friends Board roster has been updated. Racha is being appointed to another 2 year term as a Board-Member-At-Large

 - The Agreement between the Friends and the Library has been signed. Changes were made this year to the review date and also we changed the request to use the display case for just one month, December.
 - FOML Annual meeting is tomorrow at the Delta Township Library in Lansing. Kathy and Martha will attend.
 - National Library Workers Day is Tuesday, April 21st. We will be taking in treats for the staff. Volunteers are welcome to help with set-up.
 - Our Buddy's fundraiser is Wed. April 22nd from 11AM – 8 PM. Thanks to staff member, Katie, for our PR materials.
7. **Library Director's Report** - Laura Mancini

There are 6 more days to go to complete the NDL's Community Survey. As of Monday, 1,978 people have completed the survey. If you have not already submitted a response, please do so in the next few days. Please also remind family members, neighbors, and friends to complete the survey. Paper copies are available at the Circulation Desk those who wish to use this format.

On May 21st, the Ivy Group, the consultants that are administering the survey, will present the results to the public. The presentation will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the Northville Community Center.

National Library Week will be celebrated this year on April 19-25th .

The NDL partnered with the Northville Art House and Rise and Write Northville on a new community Northville creates initiative. Northville residents of all ages submitted artwork, poetry, and short stories for publication in a special Northville Creates booklet. During the first year of this collaboration, submission exceeded expectations and so the NDL and its partners will be expanding the program for 2027.

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

For March 2026, Income included bank interest and CD dividends, donations, Memberships, Gift Books, and Used Book sales for a total of \$3,143.15. Expenses included payment to the Library for Battle of the Books and Gift and Honor Books, dues for FOML membership, and annual mtg and misc expenses for a total of \$5,510.99. Net income for the YTD is \$5,046.72.

Bank balances, including two CD's, totaled \$66,658.55 at the end of March.

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

9. **Committee Reports:**

A. Scholarships - Denise Stacer

The committee met and selected 2 recipients. Their names will be revealed at the NHS Awards Ceremony on May 18th. They will be invited to our June meeting.

B. Used Book Operations - Linda Bastien

No report.

C. Gift Books - Claire Kreher

We received 5 Gifts since March 12th; 4 Honorary & 1 Memorial
We received \$300 and added 4 new books.

D. Volunteer Appreciation - Claire Kreher

April: Maria Heitzler (Craft Kits and Book Cellar Sub)

E. Membership - Martha for Cindy Frango

There were no new memberships during March so our membership total stands at 143. Cindy reports that one person sent her renewal membership form in already so Cindy contacted her to explain about the change in the membership year. The member said to keep it as a donation and she will rejoin in December.

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
Chris asked for digital artwork for the survey and Buddy's Fundraiser emails.
She will send these out to our members.

10. **Open Discussion** Andrea said that there will be a Used Book Sale beginning Friday, June 5th and running through Sunday, June 7th. Friday from 1 - 6pm will be for Friends members only. The kids books will be on the patio (weather permitting.) There will be a sign up email sent to Board members.

11. **Motion to Adjourn** 6:04 pm Motion passed.