

## **Friends of the Dexter District Library – September 26, 2017**

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mary Westhoff, President; Kevin Vrsek, Vice-President; Kathy Nesbitt, Secretary; Michael Raatz, Treasurer; Paul McCann, Director; Carolyn Tyson, Volunteer Coordinator; Cortney Ophoff, Book sales; Jeanne Bradish, Publicity; Kantha Gardner, Fundraising; Dan Chapman; Marilyn Raatz; Mary Tobin; Eryn Pacey; Yvonne Schmidt

**Agenda:** Approved

**Minutes:** Approved

**Welcome:** We have three guests who are potential treasurer candidates. Welcome! It's great to have people interested in the Friends. There are other positions available as well.

**Director's Report:** Summer reading program was a big success with 150 adults and 1250 children participating. Thank you to the Friends for their support in making this a success. Seven hundred kids met the reading goal and received their goodie bags. They were also eligible for a drawing for more prizes.

Fifteen hundred people came for the eclipse event. The library had 450 glasses distributed one pair per family.

The three biggest events for the library were Big Truck Day, Eclipse Day and Kickoff Day.

The terrace is finished and being used. It's a great addition to the facility. Dedication was the end of August. There is a plaque listing the donors who made the terrace possible and the Friends head the list.

Two things are on the wish list – a mobile kitchen for demonstrations and events and an interactive play table with games, etc. for children.

The Michigan Department of Corrections is asking for a donation of self-help books, job search books, resume writing materials, money management books, life skills books, etc. in order to establish a library for inmates getting ready for release. These are the kinds of books we do not keep so if we get some we could certainly donate them to the prison system. It may take a few months to collect enough to send. Motion to support this was seconded and passed. Books to send will be determined by Cortney. Motion to donate to the Chelsea Retirement Center Library was also passed. Again these are books we would not be keeping for our sale.

**Treasurer's Report:** July 12<sup>th</sup> was the audit and it went well. There were no anomalies. A copy of the audit was given to the DDL. Motion to accept the audit was passed.

The article in Ex Libris generated 11 possible candidates for treasurer. Three serious contenders are here tonight: Mary Tobin, Eryn Pacey and Yvonne Schmidt. Each has filled out a questionnaire. Duties were discussed and interviews will be set up. Mary Tobin works at Zion Lutheran Church mostly fulltime. She also works at the Chelsea Library and does para legal

work on contract. Her hours are flexible. Yvonne Schmidt is a CPA. She works remotely for a company in Texas. Her hours are flexible. Eryn Pacey is relatively new to the area and currently looking for a job. She would like to get involved in the Library. We stressed that in addition to the treasurer position, other positions are also available on the Friends Board should they be interested.

Taxes of \$234.60 were paid to the State of Michigan in September. Book sale income for July was \$797.60 (shelf and consignment sales), for August \$4185.67 (book sale, shelf sales and donations), and for September \$94.35 (shelf sales and donations). Total funds as of September 30<sup>th</sup> are \$44,474.92. Motion to reimburse Pat Cousins for her purchase of flowers for the terrace was passed. A check for \$226 will be sent to her.

**Fund Raising:** No Report

**Book Sales:** Donations to other organizations are of books we would be discarding. Cortney will report on donations of books we could sell. She needs help with the management of the sales and will bring on someone to help. There are lots of books on hand. We are currently storing books.

**Membership:** There were 5 new members in August. Joelle sent in several good questions for the interview process and regrets not being able to participate in person. She has agreed to do the membership job for another year. The Board is thrilled with this as she does a great job.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Dexter Daze went well. Set up and clean up went quickly and smoothly this year. Carolyn still needs volunteers for the blood drive on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourned:** 8:10 p.m.

**Next meeting is October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Library.**