

## Friends of the Dexter District Library – June 27, 2017

**Call to Order:** 7:05 p.m.

**Present:** Kevin Vrsek, Vice-President; Kathy Nesbitt, Secretary; Michael Raatz, Treasurer; Paul McCann, Director; Carolyn Tyson, Volunteer Coordinator; Jeanne Bradish, Publicity; Cortney Ophoff, Book Sales; Marilyn Raatz; Dan Chapman

**Agenda:** Approved

**Minutes:** One correction to misspelled name

**Director's Report:** It was a busy kickoff for the Summer Reading Program with 800-1000 people signing up. By the end of signup there will probably be close to 1200 participants. There were popsicles and baseball in the park with a Shrek party tonight. Participation in the Adult Summer Reading Program is higher than last year.

Major sponsors for the Summer Reading Program were the Friends of the Dexter District Library, with a \$3,000 contribution, and one local sponsor for \$1,000. Meijer donated gift cards as prizes. The decline of participation by small businesses in Dexter has been disappointing. Chelsea Milling, Purple Rose Theatre, Common Grill stepped up. Big Truck Day is this Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. There is no rain date so it will go on rain or shine.

Bill from Dexter Community Schools for transportation from Cornerstone to Reader Roundup was \$241.62.

Great progress on the terrace project. The Garden Club has been busy planting many hostas. Three benches are on order. The Library is considering some patio chairs and maybe a table rather than all benches. Total cost for the project is \$51,000 for terrace. \$30,000 of that was for hardscaping. The rest was irrigation, edging, etc. Dedication will be the end of July to let the plants get established and get the furniture installed. \$10,000 was donated by the Friends of the Dexter District Library, \$5,000 by one individual, \$5,000 by the Garden Club and \$2,000 by another family.

Security cameras need updating.

The Library Board decided not to stop people with drinks unless it's an open cup. Food is still not allowed.

Paul has a wish list he will present in September for consideration by the Friends.

Lisa Ryan will come to Big Truck Day to promote adult summer reading. 150 adults have signed up so far.

Newsletter deadline mid-August for printers. Maybe cover article should be "Will the Friends Survive?" We still need a new treasurer.

**New Business:** Dates were approved for the 2018 book sales: Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, Feb, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>. Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> (pre-sale), 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> (pre-sale) Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dates were approved for the FDDL meetings so bookmarks could be printed: Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 24<sup>th</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup> (if needed), Sept, 25<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> (annual meeting). No meeting in March, May, August or November.

Book bags will be ordered. We are down to only 6 on hand. Reorder prices are unchanged from May 2015 at \$7.40/bag for orders of 100-200 bags. Motion approved to order 100 bags. Delivery turnaround is 3 weeks.

We received a very nice thank you note from Sheri Munson thanking us for her recognition award.

**Publicity:** Jeanne Bradish would be willing to be treasurer if we were able to find a media savvy person to take over publicity. Maybe we should consider having our own facebook page.

**Ongoing Business:** We still need a treasurer. Michael leaves in December.

Audit has been scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> would be the alternative date.

**Book Sales:** We are flooded with books right now after a drought. Another load was taken to Mitchell School – 25+ boxes of books that kids get to take home.

**Volunteers:** Carolyn is working on volunteers for the August book sale. The pre-sale will be August 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 p.m. Regular hours will be August 11<sup>th</sup> from 12-6 p.m. and August 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with a bag sale from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Michael and Marilyn Raatz will work the pre-sale, Dan and Karen volunteered for Friday afternoon. We need 3 people for each Saturday shift. Carolyn will ask the scouts to help set-up Thursday afternoon. Volunteers are in place for other current events. Carolyn will work the raffle table at Big Truck Day.

**Membership:** Joelle replenished the brochure supply this past week. Quantity should last awhile. She continues to monitor the website for anyone interested in joining the Friends. Currently we have 174 members.

**Treasurer:** Second quarter taxes of \$247.49 have been paid. Book sales for June were \$1,696.95. Checking account balance is \$5,184.20. Total funds are \$40,812.75.

**Adjourned:** 8:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. lower level of the library.**

