

Friends of the Dexter District Library – April 25, 2017

Called to order at 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; Marilyn Raatz; Dan Chapman; Violet Vrsek

Agenda: Approved

Minutes: Approved

Director's Report: Bids have come back on the terrace project. Board approval is expected at Monday's Library Board meeting. The Library still needs City approval which should be forthcoming.

Kim Swoverland is leaving to take a part-time position elsewhere. Replacements are being interviewed.

The Library Facility Assessment Walk-through to be scheduled.

Budget cycle starting now. Washtenaw County has taxable value posted on its website. This is starting point for the review.

Blood drive went well – 32-34 usable pints gathered.

Krista Pedersen is a new Children's Librarian. She will be working with Cathy Jurich.

Donation of \$500 received from the Chelsea Garden Club for the raised beds out front to promote seed bank. They will be planted the first part of May. Dexter Garden Club has also donated to the landscaping project. The Library follows Dexter's water restrictions for sprinkling.

Cathy Jurich has begun working on the summer programs. Theme is Building a Better World with focus on building.

Big Truck Day is Friday June 30th. We may get a cement mixer.

New Business: Policy Committee needs to meet before new drinks policy for library is approved. If allowed, drinks would need to be in containers unlikely to spill if tipped. The committee will review and make recommendations.

Kantha's ideas for better communication with our membership were tabled until she could present them.

Ongoing Business: Technology updates: Mail Chimp would allow 2000 emails for free. To use G-Suite we must register. They will then determine if we are eligible. Kevin will submit the required paperwork and we will review at next meeting. This would help us create a history of the organization for future officers to use.

Twenty-one people were sent badges for volunteer recognition. The badges were sent with a cover letter thanking them for their work. They will also be recognized in the newsletter. A check for \$19.11 was given to Mary Westhoff for reimbursement of postage costs.

We are approved by the City for five signs. We own ten. The new sign people need to know where the five approved spots are located in the City. Signs need to be repainted. Some may need repair or replacement. Help is needed and we will email the membership to ask for help.

We still need a replacement treasurer as Michael Raatz is leaving the end of this year. Kevin Vrsek will ask his friend, Nathan Ouellette, if he is interested.

Volunteer Coordinator: June sale has enough volunteers. Discussion of Dexter Daze scheduled for next month. Joelle Moroz has a new volunteer for June who will help with bagging.

Membership: One new member in March. Thanks to the Friends Board for supporting the program to recognize our members having worked at least 50 hours from October 2010 to December 2016. I'm really glad we accomplished this and look forward to recognizing future volunteer efforts. During April I typed 21 letters and envelopes for the recognition. Mary Westhoff signed and mailed them.

Book Sales: Sales are going well. Susie Naperstak is retiring from the book room. Sheri Munson has cut back her hours and will take on the book consignment task. Details to be worked out, we may or may not do this online. We may keep it in house.

Treasurer's Report: New vacuum has been purchased for the Friends' Room.

Two trucks have been purchased for Big Truck Day. Bullion Sales has donated two additional trucks. A formal thank-you has been sent. A sign will be put on the raffle table noting their donation. A secret friend has donated 3 shirts to be raffled also.

Check given to Paul McCann tonight for \$3110.00 for summer reading and new outdoor flags.

Is there a place on the Friends membership form so new members can donate if they wish? Cortney Ophoff has the form and she will add this.

April book sales brought in \$1455.65. Taxes are paid. Checking balance is \$4117.93.

Audit needs to be done again. Dan Chapman and Carolyn Tyson agreed to do this again.

Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 27th at 7:00 p.m. lower level of the Library.