

Friends of the Dexter District Library
Board Meeting
January 26, 2021, 7pm

Members present: Kevin Vrsek, Pres., Kantha Gardner, Vice Pres., Mary Tobin, Treasurer, Amy Jerome, Membership Chair, Cathy Fitzgerald, Publicity Chair, Yvonne Schmidt, Volunteer Coordinator, Cortney Ophoff, Book Sales, Jeanne Bradish, Acting Secretary, and members Sharon Gauthier and Kay Stremmer.

7:04 pm, Kevin called the meeting to order and then received approval of last month's meeting minutes. Kevin welcomed members Kay Stremmer and Sharon Gauthier and discussed that both might be interested in the open secretarial position.

Paul McCann, Director's report:

Paul discussed that the Library Board has been discussing plans to re-open the library in incremental stages. The next Board meeting is February 1st, and more discussion is on that agenda. Likely options, once reopened, are keeping the larger spaces unavailable, including the downstairs level, continuing with masks and social distancing requirements, and other items and obstacles that may be presented for discussion.

During this down time the library HVAC system was upgraded including more up to date sensors. This has resulted in a much more even and more comfortable heating and air filtration system. It was a large project, and this was a good time to get this done. Paul said that both he and the staff were happy with the results. Also, the paper quarantine has now been reduced to three days.

The Summer Reading program may not go forward, since at this time of pandemic it is unrealistic to move forward with big crowd programs. However, if that changes he will let us know at subsequent meetings, so that we can discuss funding this program as we have done in the past.

Kevin—moving forward with new business.

Cathy Fitzgerald, new Publicity Chair, suggested that Board members introduce themselves and give a brief history of their library involvement. All present agreed, and each member proceeded to introduce themselves and they each gave a short history of why and how long they have worked for the FDDL.

Kantha: Candidates for any open Board position are welcome to shadow the previous Board member.

Amy: We have 15-16 members interested in the open Board secretarial position, two whom are present. (Sharon and Kay)

Mary. Treasurer's Report: No book sales, thus no new income. Also, the State is no longer requiring quarterly sales tax payments, only annual. But she will keep a copy of this letter on file, should it change again in the future.

Cortney: No books sales yet. Paul—the library is not ready for new donations yet, plus he's worried about a future "flood" of books once we signal that patrons can bring in donations.

Sharon: Would we consider an outside sale?

Paul: A used book sale outside brings a lot of logistical problems, plus weather could also be a problem. Cortney: we would have to re-imagine the whole outside sale. It would be an intense amount of work, but not impossible. Maybe August?

Amy: We have four new members. Also, should we update the membership application, and does anyone have any FDDL stationery as she is getting low on supplies. Kantha and Paul will get back to her on the supplies issue, and also try to send her a pdf for the membership application.

Yvonne: No volunteer opportunities arising at this time.

Cathy: Asking Paul when the next newsletter for the Library goes out. And does anyone have any items to put into a FDDL article. Paul—letting her know that the next newsletter deadline is in approximately one week. He asked Cathy to stay after tonight's meeting to discuss this further.

Keven: Closed the meeting at 8:13pm. The next meeting is on February 23, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Bradish, Acting Interim Secretary