

## Virtual Meeting Minutes Friends of the Dexter District Library February 23, 2021

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Board Meeting

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Members present: Kevin Vrsek - President, Mary Tobin - Treasurer, Amy Jerome - Membership Chair, Cathy Fitzgerald - Publicity Chair, Yvonne Schmidt - Volunteer Coordinator, Courtney Ophoff - Book Sales, Sharon Gauthier - Secretary, and Jeanne Bradish.

7:01 pm, Kevin called the meeting to order. The meeting Agenda was reviewed, and no changes were made. The agenda was approved by the group. Subsequently, the January meeting minutes were approved.

There was no new business.

Ongoing business was reviewed:

Courtney: No new business in book sales.

Amy: No new members in February, no updates, and no new contacts. Amy plans to review the membership application and possibly revise to include activities interests.

Yvonne: No current action with volunteers.

Cathy: Publicity successfully completed an article for the newsletter on Joelle the Volunteer of the Year.

Mary: Treasurer's report: No book sales, no new income. Transferred mature proceeds to checking account and will transfer some to savings. Roughly \$40,000 in CD savings and \$20,000 in cash accounts.

Paul McCann, Director's report - Discussed article in newsletter of Joelle.

The library is open for browsing currently. It is going well. Folks are patient and listen to the introduction when coming in for the first time since reopening. It is a welcome sight to have people in the building again. They are good about wearing masks, cleanliness and following the protocols. We need the community numbers to continue to stay flat to remain open for browsing. If the trend continues, may consider expanding service hours. Sunday hours would be a different consideration as they are paid at time and a half.

The summer reading program is still being planned as mostly a virtual program at this time. To be flexible in planning, most contracts are with local vendors in order to switch to in person events if possible given current restraints. Currently, it is not realistic to plan to have 25-30 people from different households in close proximity. At this time, no

*2021 Meetings - January 26, February 23, April 27, June 22, July 27 (if needed), September 28, October 26, December 14 (annual meeting)*

requests for FDDL funds were made as contracts are just being drawn up and have not required payment yet. These requests may be available in April for the next FDDL meeting on April 27.

The library did need to purchase three plexiglass shields to interface with customers for a total of \$330. The motion to use FDDL funds to purchase the plexiglass was made and approved.

The issue of book donation was discussed. There is a concern that we will be overwhelmed with donations as people have been holding onto donations for a year and it is unclear whether the books have been stored in ideal conditions. The idea of obtaining a climate-controlled storage unit was discussed. This may be a realistic choice as there could be space issues in the library if donations are as numerous as we assume, they could be.

Due to the response to the Dexter Ice Festival, it seems that Dexter Daze will proceed in some format. We would also need to figure out how to be nimble enough to participate with a book sale if possible and the COVID conditions allow.

Kevin will be attending a Michigan meeting of Library friends and will look to get guidance on how others are considering handling book donations.

Kevin: Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 7:24 pm. The next meeting is April 27, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Gauthier, Secretary