

## Friends of the Dexter District Library – October 25, 2017

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

Present: Mary Westhoff, President; Kevin Vrsek, Vice-President; Kathy Nesbitt, Secretary; Michael Raatz, Treasurer; Paul McCann, Director; Carolyn Tyson, Volunteer Coordinator; Jeanne Bradish, Publicity; Kantha Gardner, Fundraising; Joelle Moroz, Membership; Dan Chapman; Marilyn Raatz; Mary Tobin

**Agenda:** Consider a new CD under Treasurer's Report. Should we adopt new meeting date?

**Director's Report:** The library has received a donation of two sets of books, *My Book House* and *Picturesque Tales of Progress*, from 1927-1935 with the stipulation that they be sold for more than \$2.00. *My Book House* is missing the index and the wooden collector's house that served as storage. The second is missing the index. Both are worn. Paul will research value. They may be worth \$50.00/set. Possibly offer them at the Christmas sale.

Story time is underway. Kristin Pederson is up and running and doing well in her new position. One session is a drop-in once a week. Holiday themes October, November and December. Attendance is 40-50 each time.

Newsletter is at printers now. It will be out the first weekend of November.

Wish list to expand to facilitate cooking demonstration station. Cook tops range from \$1500 to \$5-6000 depending on number of add-ons. Are the Friends interested in helping with this purchase? Currently, the library hosts 5-6 demonstrations per year. If we had a cooktop this could be expanded. We would need to find reliable, interesting presenters. The survey results showed an interest in having more demonstrations. The goal would be one per month with added themed demonstrations for holidays, etc. 25-40 people have attended each demonstration so far. Paul will research appropriate models. There would be no cost to attendees so reasonable cost per demonstration would have to be established that fits within the budget. The Friends are interested in pursuing this.

**New Business:** Mary Tobin was chosen to be our new treasurer in training. We will nominate her in December for the position. If elected, she will take over in January.

Some revision of the Bylaws is needed to clear up ambiguities. Some things need to be deleted. Kevin to help with revisions.

Jeanne and Marilyn will bring cookies to the annual meeting. The Library will make both small coffee makers available, rather than using the large urn. Carolyn will bring paper products – plates, cups, napkins, etc. Joelle will drop off some juice and soda. Be sure to label everything for Friends use only.

Friend of the Year discussed and candidate chosen. Kantha will get plaque done. Presentation of this and other items to be done at annual meeting.

We approved \$75.00 for holiday decorations and poinsettias. Paul will purchase and get reimbursed.

After discussing possible new date for Friends' meeting, it was decided to keep it the fourth Tuesday of the month.

President and Treasurer positions are up for election at the annual meeting in December.

**Treasurer:** New CD for \$5000.00 approved. Book sale income was \$2,227.65.

**Publicity:** Jeanne will call Chamber of Commerce to get December 2<sup>nd</sup> book sale on Facebook.

**Book Sales:** Donations down to a manageable level. Things are going well. Kantha will be Cortney's backup. Friends pre-sale is December 1<sup>st</sup> 7-8:30 p.m. with regular sale on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Membership:** Joelle was able to participate on Google Hangout tonight. It was wonderful to have her be able to participate. We have one new member, Peg Shearer, bringing us up to 185 members. Joelle is compiling the total hours for the volunteer badge awards to be awarded during Volunteer Week the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>. Hours worked by Board members during events count. Hours worked doing our board duties do not count. An email is sent to the members who haven't participated in two years or more. If there is no response, Joelle tries to call and if that fails, then their names go on our "inactive list." She has only had one person re-up once they were put on the list.

**Volunteers:** People in place for November and December events. Blood drive is harder to fill, especially the last afternoon shift, but our volunteers are great at stepping up.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:30 p.m.

**Next meeting is December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of the library.**