

February 2023 FDDL Meeting Minutes
Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Attendees: Kantha Gardner, Bud Haynes, Paul McCann, Kim Swoverland, Mary Tobin, Ben True, Kevin Vrsek

The meeting minutes from January 2023 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

The presented agenda for the February 2023 meeting was reviewed and approved by consensus.

New Business: Ben True, dependable sorter of book donations, frequent helper at the book sales, and all-around amazing volunteer was presented the Friend of the Year Award as voted on at the December 2022 meeting. Publicity Chair Bud Haynes gathered information on Ben for the upcoming edition of the Library newsletter, and a photo of the plaque presentation was taken.

Director's Report: Paul noted the Library was recently closed for several days due to power issues stemming from the ice storm. It was asked if the Friends could financially assist with acquiring a generator. Unfortunately, the Library has looked into getting a generator in the past and the cost was prohibitive. The UV cabinet for sterilizing frequently handled items such as toys in the children's department was purchased for \$1434.69. Kevin motions, Kantha seconds to reimburse the Library \$1434.69 for the UV cabinet, as previously agreed upon at the January 2023 meeting. All ayes; Motion carries. The play table is still yet to be purchased. Paul mentioned the Library would like to return to serving refreshments at programs and perhaps the Friends could assist with refreshment purchases. Library staff are starting to make plans for the annual Summer Reading Program and are finalizing the solicitation letters mailed to local businesses. Friends were in support of contacting local business, but would be willing to make up any financial shortfalls if the business community is not able to support the Summer Reading Program to same level as they usually are. Paul noted they already have a sponsor for the Adult Summer Reading Program as Erratic Ale donated \$1520 from their "Good Neighbor Tap" program. First grade reader round-up is scheduled to take place in March and the Friends would be willing to help with the associated school bus transportation costs if needed.

Ongoing Business and Reports:

Treasurer Mary Tobin presented the financial report as of January 31, 2023. She noted the Amazon Smile program has ended, which typically brought in around \$100 a year. A granddaughter of long-time Library supporter Martha Davis recently sent in a donation check along with a touching note, in honor of Marty's birthday. Regarding CD investments, interest rates are rising and some of the Friends' funds are currently in CDs earning less than 1%. Kantha motions; Kevin seconds to authorize the Treasurer to end the investments at Chelsea State Bank early and pay the early-withdrawal penalty, in order to invest in higher interest CDs, according to the Treasurer's best judgement for maximum earnings. All ayes; Motion carries. Mary will also check around at other local banks to compare interest earning rates.

Book Sale Coordinator Cortney Ophoff was absent. The next sale is scheduled for March 4th

Membership Chair Amy Jerome was absent, but reported via email there were no new membership applications in the month of February.

Volunteer Coordinator Yvonne Schmidt was absent, but reported via email she is working on the schedule for the upcoming sale.

Publicity Chair Bud Haynes noted he is coordinating with Paul to have a write-up in the next Library newsletter. He'd also like to get articles into the local newspaper to promote and highlight the Friends and their support of the Library.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Swoverland, Secretary