

April 2023 FDDL Meeting Minutes  
Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attendees: Bud Haynes, Amy Jerome, Paul McCann, Yvonne Schmidt, Kim Swoverland, Mary Tobin, Kevin Vrsek, and guest Sue Spencer

The meeting minutes from February 2023 were reviewed and approved by consensus. (There was no meeting in March)

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

Director's Report and New Business:

Paul stated Library staff are hard at work finalizing plans for the annual Summer Reading Program. The kick-off event will be on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> with cake, and several Friends volunteers will be needed. Big Truck Day is scheduled for Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and will also need many Friends volunteers. The Library Board is currently in the RFP process for both strategic planning consultants and for proposals for replacement lower level meeting room tech equipment. Paul noted the play table previously approved by the Friends for purchase has been selected and the cost quote was provided. Questions were asked about screen damage, possible ways to protect the screen, and/or if an extended warranty might be possible. In addition to the interactive play/game table, a list of other potential expenses for FDDL sponsorship was presented for consideration, including summer programming costs, Consumer Reports, subscription costs for Zoom, flags, movie sponsorship, children's program supplies, big truck day raffle trucks, and the previously approved UV cabinet. Mary motions, Amy seconds to provide the funds for the complete list as presented, totaling \$14,484.69. All ayes; Motion carries. The check was written during the meeting, and due to the large amount, Kevin provided a dual signature, and the check was handed over to Paul for deposit.

Ongoing Business and Reports:

Treasurer Mary Tobin presented the financial report as of April 25, 2023. Regarding CD investments, Mary is still in the process of comparing interest rates and looking at options at other local banks in order to maximize interest earnings. Mary reported the 990-N annual reporting was successfully filed with the IRS.

Book Sale Coordinator Cortney Ophoff was absent, but reported via email the previous sale went well and brought in slightly over \$1500. Storing up books for the big Dexter Daze Sale on August 11 -12 has begun. Cortney is working on the issue of post sale pick-up and hopes to have more information on this at the next Friends meeting.

Membership Chair Amy Jerome reported there were no new membership applications in the month of April. Two volunteers (Ben True and Stephanie Pine) have reached enough volunteer hours to receive service pins in recognition of their time. It was noted service pin awards would make a good opportunity for a photo and/or article in the local newspaper.

Volunteer Coordinator Yvonne Schmidt reported the May book sale is fully staffed, and she was able to enough volunteers for both the recent Red Cross blood drive and 1<sup>st</sup> grade reader round-up. Yvonne will soon be working on scheduling volunteers for Big Truck Day, Summer Reading Program events, and the Dexter Daze Book Sale.

Publicity Chair Bud Haynes noted he submitted multiple photos and articles to the local newspaper and had a write up in the Library's newsletter. Bud would like to maximize attention to the Friends group by highlighting various volunteers and writing stories about any noteworthy occurrences. He is open to ideas and welcomes suggestions. The next Library newsletter article will need to ready by early June.

A question was asked about the Dexter Community Fund, which gives grant money to local organizations. Paul mentioned the Library itself is a unit of local government and is therefore not eligible to receive money from the Dexter Community Fund. The FDDL is a separate entity, is not local government, and is a non-profit, so therefore may qualify.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Swoverland, Secretary