

Sept 2023 FDDL Meeting Minutes

There was not a quorum on the regular meeting date of Sept 26, and the September meeting was rescheduled for October 3, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m. on October 3, 2023.

Attendees: Kantha Gardner, Bud Haynes, Paul McCann, Cortney Ophoff, Kim Swoverland (remote via phone), Mary Tobin

The meeting minutes from July 2023 and the presented agenda for Sept 2023 were both reviewed. Mary motions, Cortney seconds to approve both the agenda and meeting minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carries.

Director's Report: Paul provided an update on the strategic planning process. The Friends of the Library are invited to attend an input session with the planning consultants on Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. This is the date/time of a regular FDDL meeting, so if the Friends Board wishes to conduct a normal business meeting, we will need to meet prior to 7pm, or alternatively, to stay late after the strategic planning session. The electronic play table sponsored by the Friends has been received and is getting quite a bit of usage in the children's area.

New Business:

- 2024 FDDL dates for bookmark publication. The following dates were agreed upon:

Book Sales - Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, Jun 1, Aug 9-10, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7

Meetings - Jan 23, Feb 27, Apr 23, Jun 25, Jul 23 (if needed), Sept 24, Oct 22, Dec 3 Annual Meeting

- MLA Lifetime Achievement Award for Paul McCann – the award will be presented Wednesday, October 18 at a special dinner during the MLA conference. Friends are invited to attend, but advance tickets are necessary. Kantha is planning to attend and is willing to carpool if anyone else is available to go & for cheer for Paul.
- Teacher Volunteer Request – an inquiry was sent to the Friends asking if a special needs student might be able to help the Friends group in any way. After some discussion, it was determined the Friends will decline at this point in time. Paul or Kevin will need to respond to the teacher.
- Volunteer Coordinator – Leads/Email Access. FDDL members present were not aware of any leads for a replacement volunteer coordinator and discussed possible ways of getting the word out. To assist with continuity for the position, it was requested for an official email to be set-up. If the Friends would like to add an additional Library email address for use by the volunteer coordinator, the cost would be \$42 annually.

Ongoing Business and Reports:

Vice-President Kantha Gardner is continuing to work on getting price quotes for replacement outdoor signs.

Book Sale Coordinator Cortney Ophoff stated the big Dexter Daze sale went smoothly and things are on track for the next sale. Rolling carts / book shelving units are in need of replacement in the near future, at an approximate cost of \$2k per unit.

Treasurer Mary Tobin provided financial statements for the months of Jun/Jul/Aug/Sept, with a balance of \$61k as of September 30, 2023. Regarding the request for a new official email address for the volunteer coordinator position, there was agreement to move forward. Kantha motions, Mary seconds to approve reimbursement of \$126.00 to the Library for 3 official email addresses: one for fddlinfo@dexter.lib.mi.us / one for treasurer@dexter.lib.mi.us / and a new one for the volunteer coordinator. All ayes, motion carries. Mary wrote a check for \$126.00 at the meeting and gave it to Paul.

Membership Chair Amy Jerome was absent but reported via email on 9/18/23 there were no new members as of that date for the month of September.

Volunteer Coordinator Yvonne Schmidt was absent.

Publicity Chair Bud Haynes noted he would appreciate someone getting a photo of Paul at the MLA awards dinner. Timing of the next DDL newsletter was discussed.

Having completed all business on the agenda, Mary motions, Bud seconds to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carries, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Swoverland, Secretary