

Friends of the Dexter District Library

12/5/2023

Annual Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order 7pm

Attendees: Yvonne Schmidt, Bud Haynes, Kantha Gardner, Cortney Ophoff, Kevin Vrsek, Amy Jerome, Paul McCann, Mary Tobin, Guests-Jim Hutton and Erin Mittendorf

Secretary and Vice President are up for election. Both Kim Swoverland and Kantha Gardner are willing to continue in their respective positions. Kevin moved, Mary seconded, Kantha and Kim were both approved all in favor.

Tempie Stahlin- Volunteer Coordinator nominated by Paul. Amy moved, Mary seconded, Tempie was approved all in favor.

Paul McCann- Director Report

Clean bill of health from auditors. Back to business as usual regarding use of the library 125,000 visitors this year.

Consultants for the strategic planning process. Online Survey. Met with groups in the community. Interviewed key community leaders. Compared library statistics. Board reviewed data at Monday's library board meeting.

Paul would like to solicit friends volunteers to do walk through to identify maintenance issues.

Issue with the new book sale signs- a few of the signs need to not have an arrow. We need 4 new inserts to show no arrow. \$200 is moved by Kevin to spend on getting 4 new signs, Kantha seconded. Motion approved all in favor.

Poinsettias- \$59.19, the friends approved \$300 in a prior meeting and will reimburse the library.

Mary- Treasurer Report

Renewed the sign permit. Sally and Doug Smith Foundation donated \$1,000.

Cortney- Book Sale Report

December book sale netted \$1,300. No one to pick up extra books. Posted on craigslist and other local websites for help, has had no takers. Need to find someone who will regularly pick up books that we cannot use. Cortney will trouble shoot ideas on what our options are over the next few weeks, but this is an issue.

Suggestion of putting together a committee to tackle this issue. Kevin moved to form the committee, Kantha seconded. Kevin and Kantha and Cortney volunteered.

The new book sale outdoor tent signs look good, but we need two signs to be plain with no arrow. Kantha will order from Signs in a Day.

Amy- Volunteers- One new volunteer last month. 11 new members this year (6 in 2022). 61 people volunteered in 2023 plus book sorters & the board. 25% of the friends volunteered this year! 246 active members, 164 inactive.

Yvonne- Volunteer Coordinator-volunteers for blood drive and January book sale volunteers are already scheduled. Yvonne was presented with a certificate of recognition of thanks from the library board.

Bud- Publicity update- Bud assembled a photo collage of big events this year. Paul's Librarian of the Year, Big Truck Day and Yvonne's retirement were some of the events featured.

Called at 7:52!

Substitute recording secretary, Kantha Gardner