

January 2024 FDDL Meeting Minutes

Due to less than ideal driving conditions, this meeting was conducted via Zoom and was called to order at 7:08 p.m. on January 23, 2023.

Attendees (Zoom): Kantha Gardner, Bud Haynes, Paul McCann, Tempie Stahlin, Kim Swoverland, Mary Tobin, Kevin Vrsek

Tempie Stahlin was introduced and welcomed as the new FDDL Volunteer Coordinator, replacing Yvonne Schmidt.

The draft meeting minutes from the December 10, 2023 Annual Meeting and the presented agenda for January 2024 were both reviewed and approved by consensus.

Director's Report: Paul provided an update on the strategic planning process, which is getting close to finalization. Once the Library Board approves the plan, there may be projects for the Friends to consider funding. Previously, the FDDL had approved expenditure for staff appreciation. This was utilized to provide a Zingerman's breakfast for an all-staff meeting. Paul will email Mary the paid \$554.00 Zingerman's invoice for Mary to reimburse the Library. Kevin motions, Mary seconds to approve the \$554.00 reimbursement for the staff appreciation breakfast from Zingerman's.
Ayes=all, motion carries.

New Business:

During his research of entities that might accept books leftover from sales, Kevin and some other Friends groups suggested there might be a need for more collaboration between area groups for idea and resource sharing. There was support for Kevin to continue down this path of an informal collaborative. The idea of utilizing "bag sales" more often was discussed. Shoppers can fill a bag for \$5, for example, as a way of having more material go home with shoppers and therefore less materials for the FDDL volunteers to box-up / store / donate to another entity. Book sale coordinator Cortney's opinion will need to be consulted before any action can be taken.

Ongoing Business and Reports:

Regarding the 60+ boxes of excess books currently in the Library's storage area, Kevin identified 2 local entities that may take them: Bookstock out of Livonia and the Unitarian Universalists Prison Book Program out of Ann Arbor. Kevin will do a little more research, but is hopeful we can get our excess books into the hands of folks who can put them to use. Volunteers may be needed to help transport the books.

Treasurer Mary Tobin provided financial statements for the month of December 2023, with a little over \$65k available. The 2023 state sales tax has been paid, the annual FOML (Friends of Michigan Libraries) membership dues of \$50.00 have been paid, and the additional signs from Signs in One Day have been paid.

Membership Chair Amy Jerome was absent but reported via email there were 2 new members since her last report.

Outgoing Volunteer Coordinator Yvonne Schmidt has been training new Volunteer Coordinator Tempie Stahlin, who reports the February Book Sale is fully staffed. The official volunteer coordinator email gave them some difficulties, so Tempie has been using her personal email until the issue can be resolved. The next blood drive is several months away, so there will be plenty of time to get volunteers for that event.

Publicity Chair Bud Haynes mentioned some ideas for helping the community to know what types of book donations the Friends are looking for. The timing of the next DDL newsletter was discussed. Kantha specifically thanked Bud for all his hard work getting the word out about special Library events and the FDDL group.

Having completed all business on the agenda, the Zoom meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Swoverland, Secretary