

June 25, 2024 FDDL Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attendees: Bud Haynes, Kantha Gardner, Amy Jerome, Paul McCann, Tempie Stahlin, Kim Swoverland, Mary Tobin, Kevin Vrsek.

The meeting minutes from April 23, 2024 were reviewed, an edit was made to include Kantha's last name, and the corrected minutes were approved by consensus.

The presented agenda for the June 2024 meeting was reviewed and approved by consensus.

Director's Report: Paul stated the Summer Reading Program is off to a strong start. The June 14 kick-off event in the park had around 400 attendees. Big Truck Day is scheduled for July 12 and the Library will need multiple Friends volunteers to help the day go smoothly. Regarding the recent strategic planning process, there are around 25 different identified objectives for the Library Board to determine which will be tackled first and which will have the highest priority for completion. Once the Board sets their priorities, then Paul will be able to come to the Friends with requests for help to fund those projects. The strategic plan can be found on the Library's website under the "About" tab.

New Business: The Oscar Haab Charitable Trust has gifted \$15,200 to the FDDL to be used as we choose. This donation has been deposited and a thank-you letter has been sent. Discussion on how to use this gift will wait until the Friends learn what strategic plan projects are on the horizon.

Ongoing Business and Reports:

Replacement outdoor book sale signs have been received but an error was noticed. Kantha will get these corrected.

Regarding excess book inventory, Paul escorted the Friends into the Library's storage area in order to view the volume and scale of the issue. The goal would be to have the unsold books cleared out sometime after the August book sale, preferably by the end of September. Kevin will work to coordinate with Cortney, and will notify the FDDL Board when they are ready for helping hands.

Book Sale Coordinator Cortney Ophoff was absent, but the big Dexter Daze sale (now called Dexter Summer Festival) will be Aug 9-10 and many volunteers will be needed.

Treasurer Mary Tobin announced more bookmarks are needing to be ordered. Financial statements for the months of April and May 2024 were provided. Costs yet to be paid out include an estimated \$100 for the bookmarks, \$20 for LARA filing, and then some additional money for the book sale signs to be corrected, but total available funds stand at around \$75k with the recent large gift included.

Membership Chair Amy Jerome reported there were 2 new membership applications in the month of June 2024, and 13 members were moved to inactive, bringing total active members to 248.

Volunteer Coordinator Tempie Stahlin stated she has been working hard to secure volunteers for book sales, blood drives, SRP events and Big Truck Day. Tempie also informed the board that FDDL book sale vouchers will be given out for some Summer Reading Program prizes and she showed an example of what they look like. Winners of the vouchers can exchange them for free books at the August, October or November book sales.

Publicity Chair Bud Haynes noted he has submitted multiple photos and articles regarding FDDL and Library events to the local newspaper and has ideas for future submissions. He suggested it would be helpful if volunteers receiving service hour awards would be invited to attend the meetings, then he could easily get their photo and background information for his write-ups.

There was brief discussion as to the need for a meeting in July 2024. It was decided the July meeting would be cancelled. Kim will cancel the FDDL meeting room reservation for July 23, 2024. The next FDDL board meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Swoverland, Secretary