



## October 22, 2024 FDDL Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Attendees: Amy Jerome, Paul McCann, Cortney Ophoff, Tempie Stahlin, Kim Swoverland, Mary Tobin, Kevin Vrsek

The meeting minutes from September 24, 2024 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

The presented agenda for the Oct 22, 2024 meeting was reviewed and approved by consensus.

**Director's Report:** In celebration of National Friends of the Library week, Paul presented a cake for the meeting attendees to enjoy, and expressed his appreciation for all the effort and support the FDDL gives (the cake was delicious – thanks, Paul!) The Library Network, of which the Dexter Library is a participating member, is beginning an RFID (Radio-Frequency Identification) project. TLN handles 1.5 million library items per year, and implementing an RFID system would allow for a more efficient automated handling system. This will be a big project for the DDL to put RFID tags into all items. For 2025, the Dexter and Chelsea Libraries have partnered for a community read event called Neighbors Read: Dexter-Chelsea Community Read. The book is *Tin Camp Road* by Ellen Airgood. The Friends were open to hear any proposals from Paul about sponsorship for an Author Talk and/or book purchases and/or programming related to the 2025 Neighbors Read. Other funding opportunities for the Friends include possible sponsorship of digital access to major newspapers (Library staff are still investigating options) and sponsorship of breakfast refreshments for future staff meetings, which Paul is hoping to do on a quarterly basis. Since the next staff meeting is quickly approaching, Kevin moves, Mary seconds, to approve the concept of reimbursing the Library for quarterly staff meeting breakfasts for approximately \$200 per breakfast. Ayes=all, Motion carries. Paul will provide receipts after each breakfast for reimbursement.

**New Business:** For the 2024 Friend of the Year award, Jim Hutton was nominated and approved by consensus after Cortney's report of Jim's contributions to the FDDL. Kim will contact Kantha about getting a new Friend of the Year plaque, and getting a plate with Jim Hutton's name. Gift Certificates to local stores were discussed as possible gifts to the Friend of the Year and as a prize for attending the FDDL annual meeting on December 3, 2024. Mary moves, Amy seconds, to approve the purchase of \$50 gift certificates to Serendipity Books and Hackney Hardware. Ayes=all, motion carries. For the Annual Meeting, the current terms of Treasurer (Mary) and President (Kevin) are ending. Both Mary and Kevin indicated willingness to serve for another 2-year term unless someone else wanted to step forward. Appointed positions of Book Sales (Cortney), Membership (Amy), Volunteer Coordinator (Tempie), and Publicity (Bud) will also be discussed at the annual meeting. For refreshments, a sign-up genius was suggested as a way to encourage more participation from volunteers. Amy will send out an email to the whole FDDL volunteer list regarding the Annual Meeting.

## Ongoing Business and Reports:

Another trip to Bookstock has been planned for Wednesday, October 30, 2024 to reduce the amount of excess unsold books in the storage area. Volunteers are needed. There was consensus to reimburse Kevin for rental van costs for this purpose.

Book Sale Coordinator Cortney Ophoff said the prior book sale in early October went very well, and she believes they have implemented a system to be able to keep up with the excess unsold books. The December book sale will have a Family & Friends Preview Sale at 7pm on Friday, December 6, 2024. Historically, FDDL Board Members have worked the preview sale.

Treasurer Mary Tobin provided the FDDL financial statement as of September 30, 2024 which showed a total fund balance of slightly over \$80,000. Ordering new bookmarks was discussed, and it was suggested to order in the amount of 1500 rather than only 1000.

Membership Chair Amy Jerome reported there were 2 new memberships on September 30<sup>th</sup> and 1 new membership so far in October.

Volunteer Coordinator Tempie Stahlin stated she has the volunteers set for the October 31, 2024 blood drive and the November 2024 book sale. She will begin working on the volunteer schedule for the December 2024 and January 2025 book sales very soon.

Publicity Chair Bud Haynes was absent.

The next FDDL board meeting will be the Annual Meeting on December 3, 2024

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Swoverland, Secretary

