



January 28, 2025 FDDL Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:11 p.m.

Attendees: Kantha Gardner, Paul McCann, Cortney Ophoff, Tempie Stahlin, Kim Swoverland, Mary Tobin, Kevin Vrsek

Guest of Honor & Volunteer of the Year: Jim Hutton

The meeting minutes from the Dec 3, 2024 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved by consensus.

The presented agenda for the Jan 28, 2025 meeting was reviewed and approved by consensus.

Director's Report: Paul expressed appreciation for the Anniversary Celebration event, held immediately prior to tonight's meeting, honoring 30 years of service to the DDL for Library Board Trustee-Jim LaVoie, Circulation Supervisor-Mary Graulich, and Library Director-Paul McCann. Upcoming Library projects needing the assistance of the Friends include a Facilities walk-through to identify areas needing sprucing-up that Library staff may be overlooking, and the big RFID tagging project that could be sponsored. A self-checkout station may be possible with signage acknowledging the FDDL's involvement.

New Business: For the 2024 Friend of the Year award, Jim Hutton was selected for his many hours of work as a book sorter and book sale worker/helper. Kantha presented the Friend of the Year plaque with Jim's name added. The plaque hangs in the Friends room. For updating FDDL files, the Commitment to Serve, and Conflict of Interest Policies were handed out to FDDL Board Members for them to sign and date. Absent were Amy Jerome and Bud Haynes, who both will need to sign at the next meeting.

Ongoing Business and Reports:

Treasurer Mary Tobin provided some research and comparisons on the different options for accepting credit card payments during book sales. SumUp was rated high by users in terms of features and ease of use. Currently, the requests to use cards during book sales are very low, and in most cases, shoppers wanting to use cards are able to find a way to get the cash needed (searching their car, borrowing from an acquaintance, etc.) Considering the lost revenue for transaction fees + the start up cost + the need for training the volunteers how to use, the consensus was to continue the book sales as cash or check only for the time being. If the demand from customers increases significantly, the issue will be revisited. Mary provided FDDL financial statement as of 12/31/24 which showed a total fund balance of slightly over \$85,800. In January, Mary has submitted the annual state sales tax, paid for the annual FOML (Friends of Michigan Libraries) Membership dues, paid the invoice for catering the 30th Anniversary event, and paid for the 2025 Dexter Chamber of Commerce dues.

Cortney Ophoff reported they have a system in place to recycle excess book stock that has not sold, and they are managing to keep up so the excess does not get overwhelming. Book sales are going smoothly.

Membership Chair Amy Jerome was absent but reported via email there were 2 new memberships in the month of January and no drops.

Volunteer Coordinator Tempie Stahlin stated she has volunteers staffed for both the upcoming February and March book sales, and she will be coordinating with Paul for staffing the April Blood Drive.

Publicity Chair Bud Haynes was absent, but it was noted that the Dexter Chamber of Commerce has a new “Member Highlight Video Series” running on the Chamber’s website and this might be a good publicity opportunity for Bud to explore.

The next FDDL board meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2025

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Swoverland, Secretary

