



February 25, 2025 FDDL Meeting Minutes

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

Attendees: Bud Haynes, Amy Jerome, Paul McCann, Kim Swoverland, Mary Tobin, Kevin Vrsek

Housekeeping task carried over from Jan 2025 meeting: Amy and Bud signed and dated the Commitment to Serve, and Conflict of Interest Policy.

The meeting minutes from the January 28, 2025 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved by consensus.

The presented agenda for the Feb 25, 2025 meeting was reviewed and approved by consensus.

Director's Report: Paul recapped the recent successful Community Read event, a joint venture between the Dexter and Chelsea Libraries and with cooperation from Serendipity Books. Receipts for various expenses related to the Community Read, called "Neighbors Read" were provided and totaled \$2852.75. After reviewing the receipts, Mary moved to reimburse the Library for the full amount of \$2852.75. Second by Bud. All were in favor, motion carried. Paul thanked the Friends for supporting the 1st Neighbors Read, and stated his hope for the event to return again next year. Paul also thanked the Friends for last month's 30th Anniversary dinner. Upcoming Library projects on the horizon include a Facilities walk-through to identify areas needing attention, and the big RFID tagging project. Paul mentioned the Library's bond debt would be concluded as of May 2025. The FDDL expressed their willingness to mark this milestone occasion in some way yet-to-be-determined.

New Business: Information was provided for the Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML) Board Retreat on Saturday, March 22, 2025. It would be nice if a few of the DDL Friends could attend, either in person, or on Zoom.

Ongoing Business and Reports:

Treasurer Mary Tobin provided financial reports as of Jan 31, 2025 showing a total balance of just over \$85,000. A donation was recently received from the granddaughter of Martha Davis (former long-time member of the FDDL and Library Board) in honor of Martha's birthday. Shelf sales have been down due to Library staff not having a working cash register at the main desk to make change. A new cash register will be arriving soon.

Book Sale Coordinator Cortney Ophoff was absent, but reported via email that she had no items for discussion.

Membership Chair Amy Jerome reported there has been 1 new membership application so far in February. Amy mentioned she had a suggestion regarding the annual meeting having an emphasis on “Volunteer Appreciation” to attract more attendees, and perhaps more of a party atmosphere.

Volunteer Coordinator Tempie Stahlin was absent, but provided an email update that all was going well signing up volunteers for the upcoming events.

Publicity Chair Bud Haynes reported he worked with Paul to have a write-up and photo in the DDL spring newsletter of Jim Hutton, Volunteer of the Year. The article also mentioned sponsorship of the Neighbors Read, and the 30th anniversary party.

There will be no FDDL board meeting in March. The next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Swoverland, Secretary

