



April 22, 2025 FDDL Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

The meeting minutes from the February 25, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved by consensus.

The presented agenda for the April 22, 2025 meeting was reviewed and approved by consensus.

Guest remarks: No guests were present but the question was asked if volunteers were welcome to attend the meetings. FDDL meetings are completely open to the public, therefore anyone can attend – volunteers, interested members of the community, Friends of other libraries, absolutely anyone can attend to give a comment, suggestion, complaint, compliment, or just to listen.

Director's Report: Paul has been contacted a couple times by a Mack Spray of Money Moose Products about buying unused book stock from the Library and/or Friends. If this would work out, it may be a way for the Friends to have unsold materials removed from the storage room on a regular basis, rather than having to recycle or transport ourselves. Kevin took the contact information for getting more information and will touch base with Cortney. Regarding the schedule for book sorters, Paul mentioned there have been some recent absences and it would be helpful to have a book sorter schedule. There was discussion about finding and training a replacement for Cortney, Book Sale Coordinator. Or does Cortney still have interest in having a co-coordinator to share duties? Kevin will get in touch with Cortney to get her input.

New Business: Annual Funding Request - Paul provided a list of expected expenditures for the Friends to consider sponsorship of as part of our annual contribution to the Library. Included were the following: summer reading program, yoga programming, Consumer Reports subscription, Zoom subscription, flag replacement, movie sponsorship, supplies for the Children's Dept, and Big Truck Day raffle trucks. The total was estimated to be \$9,628. Mary moves, Kantha seconds, to give the Library \$9,628. Discussion followed. It was suggested prices for things will be increasing, and Mary amended her motion to increase the amount to \$10,000, Kantha seconds. Ayes=all, Motion carries.

Ongoing Business and Reports:

FOML – Friends Board Retreat – Kevin attended via Zoom and reported back on the multitude of topics that were covered. He got some great information, as well as many things to keep in mind for the future. These included having a succession plan for key Friends roles, the importance of advocacy for the Library in your community, recruiting high school volunteers, hosting fun events,

different ways to attract and keep membership involved, fundraising events, taking advantage of nation-wide events such as banned books week or National Friends of the Library week, effective advertising, leadership, the importance of supporting Library staff, current federal and state funding issues, and merchandising (T-shirts, book bags, etc). The American Library Association (ALA) has Friend organization tools that can be utilized. Overall, it was a worthwhile event and Kevin would recommend others to watch for future sessions from FOML.

Treasurer Mary Tobin provided financial reports as of March 31, 2025 showing a total balance of just under \$85,000. The annual 990n Federal tax filing for non-profits was recently submitted. Mary also noted the April 2025 book sale was the highest for an April sale intake since 2018. With April book sale money deposited it brings the available balance to \$86,414 minus the \$10,000 annual funding just approved to the Library, brings the available balance to \$76,414.

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

Membership Chair Amy Jerome was absent, but reported via email there have been 3 new memberships in April, and 5 members have earned their service pins: Dan Chapman, Silver, with 116.1 hours; Polly Erb, Bronze, 52.1 hours; Dale Klassen, Bronze, 54.85 hours; Patsy Klassen, Bronze, 53.65 hours, Jim Lewis, Bronze, 54.6 hours. Additionally, Amy noted that 51 members have not volunteered since 2019 and she plans to email them to ask if they still wish to remain on the FDDL membership list.

Volunteer Coordinator Tempie Stahlin reported she is working through an issue with a “no show” volunteer. For the April book sale, she had 2 teen volunteer workers. Upcoming events to schedule include the June 4 blood drive and Big Truck Day on July 11.

Publicity Chair Bud Haynes is making plans to have an article in the summer newsletter (mid-May deadline) and will contact the 5 service pin winners to arrange a photo op.

There will be no FDDL board meeting in May. The next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Swoverland, Secretary

