



## January 27, 2026 FDDL Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order **over Zoom** at: 7:01pm

**Board Attendees:** Kantha Gardner, Glenda Haskell, Amy Jerome, Cortney Ophoff, Tempie Stahlin, Mary Tobin, Kevin Vrsek

**Welcome to Guests:** Kerri O'Hare (in person with Kevin)

**Meeting minutes** from December 02, 2025 approved.

**Meeting agenda** approved

**Book Sale Report:** Glenda thanked Tempie and Mary for helping. There was a sorter meeting in early December; 16 of 17 sorters showed up for an hour. It was an animated conversation with lots of energy and attention. The plan is to have quarterly meetings with as many sorters as are able to attend.

Moved away from the quarter inch dot system to a ½ inch dot system

Main focus has been to create a very detailed how-to for sorters. Glenda will make sure the board gets a copy.

Five new sorters. All but a few sections have dedicated sorters again.

Planning to organize a visit to the Friends of the Ann Arbor Library book shop, possibly after it warms up a little

### **Director's Report:**

Had to change payroll systems for the whole staff. Last week was the first payroll with the new system.

It's been difficult to micro-manage the HVAC system in this cold.

The Community Reads author visit will be February 21. The author is from Chelsea so there will be no travel costs to cover. Paul will probably get the final bill after our February meeting. Looking for something in the general area of 2K for support.

Staff appreciation was postponed due to so many staff members being out of town, but the weather hasn't been cooperating, so they are looking at doing something in February or early March.

Looking at a possible larger project on the horizon, [Pillar Booths](#) makes sound proof spaces that would allow for small group studies that would be quiet enough for the library without the construction cost of building new rooms. They run between 10-20K a piece with lighting and ventilation, minor furniture, small work spaces, but would allow for Zoom interviews or small group studies where conversation would not have to be limited. Looking at standard and ADA compatible. The ultimate project may be 50-75K. Footprint is an issue that has to be considered. These would exist inside the library and use wall outlets to power the ventilation and lighting. These are like high-end study carrels. Similar things are used by the recording industry.

**New Business:**

Kantha has old FDDL paperwork/files we should look at when next we are together.

Paul mentioned that we could probably digitize things we want to keep and find a way to store them at the library on a shared network drive (locked down behind a firewall, accessible from inside the library). Kantha noted that most of it isn't sensitive.

Kantha will bring the files to our meeting in February so we can make decisions.

Volunteer Thanks Yous and Service Recognition (Earned new service pins—Dikki Cienchanski and Jim Hutton). Amy suggested doing something to recognize these members, possibly others, during the April meeting because that is Volunteer Appreciation month. A drawing for a gift card and a cake were suggested. We can notify via email, add to the adult calendar, display screen, maybe other options as well. We will discuss honoring volunteers at our February meeting. Amy will follow-up with Bud about publicity.

**Ongoing Business:**

**Treasurer Report:** Mary counted and there are 21 Friends tote bags remaining. We started with 250 in fall of 2022. The same bag is still available for between 1K and 1.1k for 250.

Kevin moved to authorize 1.2K to restock the 250 bags. [Somebody seconded, probably Kantha.] The motion passed.

Finances: we have 81K total between savings, CDs, and checking. Mary renewed our 2 CDs last month for 6 months and opened a third one with 7K from checking. All are 3.25% over 6 months.

Expenses over the past month included: State sales tax payment for 759.

Memberships renewed for FOML and Dexter Chamber of Commerce

New dots were purchased for book sales, and there's an upcoming expense about \$80 for a labeler.

**Membership Report:** Since the annual meeting we had several new members in December and four more in January. Book sales seem to be the driver for new member involvement. The online applications are the primary means of new member form submissions (80-90% with a handful of physical forms left in the mailbox).

**Volunteer coordinator Report:** Tempie reported that the February sale is a week away and she will be sending out the reminder email this weekend.

The next blood drive is in April.

**Publicity Chair Report:** not present

**Final Remarks:** Kerri OHare (guest) suggested we should check into Thrift Books. They pick up leftovers from Ann Arbor's bookshop after bag sales and actually pay for them.

**The next regular public meeting** is scheduled for February, 24, 2026

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at: 7:58pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Cortney Ophoff, Secretary