

Friends of the Dexter District Library

Meeting Minutes for February 23, 2010

Mission: Helping the library fulfill its role in the community by fund-raising, promotion, and support.

Present: Kantha Gardner – President, Mary Westhoff – Vice-President, Cori Murray – Secretary, Dan Chapman, Susi Naperstek, Carolyn Tyson, Sue Smith, Art Dykman, Joelle Moroz (new member)

January Meeting Minutes – Minutes were approved with the following changes.

- Change the wording under Funding for a movie license for the Senior Center from “let them know” to “Invite the Senior Center to come here and watch”.
- Change the wording where Sue gave her members report to “Sue will remove members she calls numerous times without an answer or call back.”

Mary went to the last Library board meeting and plans on going regularly for at least part of the meeting. There was nothing new to report.

Treasurers Report: February sales through the 20th, \$103.30 shelf sales. Total funds are \$20,675.11. Total deposit in February was \$969.05, 865.75 from the Book Sale plus \$103.30 in shelf sales. Bank balance was \$10,053 and we have our CD for \$10,201. January final funds were \$19,678.41. Michael left the CD at TCF Bank for 6 months at a .50% rate.

Kantha and Michael are going to get together to work on filing the tax information.

Paul was not at the meeting but Kantha went over a couple e-mails from him.

- Kantha sent an e-mail with our letter about the Warrior Creek project for him to forward to Allison and he will let us know what she says.
- He would like to know what our decisions were on funding for the Library
- He did not have any other updates on the First Grade Reader Round-up except to say the Rotary club has also offered funding.

Dexter Chamber of Commerce: Renewal for \$50 has come up. It is good to have our name listed.

Treasure normally goes to the meetings, but anyone who is interested may go. Carolyn moved to renew it. Mary seconded it. Everyone is in favor. Motion passed.

Sue reported: One new member so far in February, so far. Joelle Moroz. Sue would like to set up a table at a book sale for new member recruitment. It was also suggested to add a field to our member list which specifies what each member is interested in helping with.

Carolyn reported: She was pretty much covered for First Grade Reader Round-up. There were just a couple shifts which needed filled. March and April book sales are covered.

Susi reported:

- She requested an updated list of members and what they would like to do within the Friends. Sue said she can work on that when she gets back and settled. A couple ideas were suggested, such as e-mailing or sending out a post card asking what they are interested in at this moment. A committee of Sue and Joelle was formed to update the volunteer list. They will bring a proposal to the April meeting.
- She drafted up a statement about what the Friends do for us to post in the Friends room. We read it over and made a few suggestions for changes. Susi will redraft it and run it by Paul to see what he feels about it.

Books for the homebound: It was suggested before we moved to the new Library but there was not an interest in new projects at that time. Bring the idea up to Paul again, once we do a little research to figure out how many people might be open to this program, and see what he thinks. How can we find the homebound in Dexter. Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, Dexter Family Center. It is possible we will set up a committee for this at the March meeting.

Dan reported about fundraising:

- He is concerned about not selling enough tickets. He wants to make sure nice items go for a decent value. Dexter Daze has been the plan, but there are many booths selling items there and raffle tickets are not on the top of the list. Talk to Paul about selling tickets in front of the Library. Kantha said this is a first attempt. If it works, we do it again. If it does not go so well, then we will not do it again. Where will we sell them? Only members of the Friends can sell raffle tickets. We could ask local businesses to join the Friends just to sell raffle tickets. Everyone in any of the businesses would need to be part of the Friends. They can be listed just for this purpose and will not be required for anything else.
- He suggested focusing on book sales, which are our money maker.
- We need to apply for raffle license. It takes 8 weeks. The fee for a raffle is \$25 to \$50.

Kantha went over with some e-mails:

- Elaine is a member of the St. Andrews Quilting Club. They are having a quilt show on Saturday May 1st. We could give them information about our raffle to display there and they could give us information on their raffle. We will not be able to give them a picture of our quilt because they will have one of their own they are raffling off. Kantha will create a flyer for the quilt show. Dan moved. Mary seconded the motion. Motion was passed by all.
- It was also suggested to put a picture of our quilt on the Friends website.

- There will be something posted at the First Grade Reader Round-up saying the Friends helped to support this project. It was estimated about \$500. If it is just the Friends and the Rotary, then we will help support the project.
- Blinds for the Friends room: Paul checked the architect plans for the Library to see if there were specifications for what type of blinds. There are none. Paul sent an e-mail for some aluminum blinds saying that is what they have used in other areas. We would like some better quality ones which will not bend or anything. We will get someone to come in and measure the windows and see what we can come up with.

Funding for the Library:

- Piano: We will discuss this more at the next meeting.
- Refreshments at their staff meetings: Maybe one meeting as a surprise, but not every meeting. Everyone is opposed to all meeting, but agreed on one meeting.
- Magazine exchange: Carolyn moves to approve the \$1,300 for the shelving unit needed. Kantha seconded it. Motion passed if the Library manages the exchange. Who is going to be responsible for the project? It is a Library project. We will only be supplying the cabinet. Can we get a plaque on it?
- Blinds: We need more information on costs and sizes. Carolyn wants to go look at Blinds to Go to see what there is.

Next meeting is March 23, 2010 at 7pm in the lower level of the Library.