

Friends of the Dexter District Library

Meeting Minutes for Annual Meeting on December 7, 2010

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

Present: President – Kantha Gardner, Vice-President – Mary Westhoff, Treasurer – Michael Raatz, Secretary – Cori Murray, Dan Chapman, Marilyn Raatz, Sue Smith, Joelle Moroz and Library Director – Paul McCann

Elections:

- At this time there are no elections. All officer positions are mid-term. All elections will take place next year. The president, Kantha, is not seeking re-election next year.
- There is re-appointment of committee chair positions this year. Margaret for Publicity, Carolyn for Volunteer Coordinator and Dan for Fundraising. Margaret and Carolyn will remain in their positions. At this time we will not have an official chair for Fundraising. Kantha will work on any fundraising possibilities.

Millage Renewal and Yes Library campaign:

- The millage renewal passed.
- Yes Library has been dissolved at this time and the post election report was filed on December 2nd.
- We did make the signs generic this year with no dates. All future ballot election committees should be called Yes, Library so the signs purchased for this election may be reused.

Paul reported:

- There are several values the Friends has provided for the Library. Some of the tangible items are the monthly book sales and the Summer Reading Program we help sponsor. It also helps to show good will in the community.
- The Library had great support with voter turnout during the election to get the millage renewal passed.
- Wish list for the Library:
 - Paul will figure out what the Library could use this year.
 - An idea was suggested to have an Author Series where the Library would bring in authors for programs. Depending on how well-known the author is, it could get costly.

- We asked Paul if Value Line was something used and whether it is a good thing for us to support. He said there are loyal users who check it all the time. They can check the usage and re-evaluate the necessity of Value Line near the end of the subscription.

Susi reported via e-mail:

- The temporary sign request has been turned in. There is now a five sign limit. Susi and Don Miller have picked the most visual locations to put the book sale signs.
- Susi believes the book sales have increased by 26 to 28% this past year. Michael will have a more accurate number. She thanks all the volunteers who have helped.
- The new rolling book shelves are a great help in setting up for the sale. Our layout is more like a store than a rummage sale. There is a great team which helps make the sales possible. There are 6 sorters now and a great team which helps with the set-up and clean-up of each sale.
- Pegasusbook.biz has helped sell some of our books. We get 20 to 50% of what the selling price is.
- Joelle Moroz shadowed Susi at the December sale and learned a lot about how to help run the sales.
- Orv helps a lot with setting up for the book sale. Susi suggested maybe giving him a gift for all the help he provides. A motion was made to look for a gift certificate up to \$100 to a local restaurant. The motion was approved unanimously. Kantha will check local restaurants to see how much a dinner for two is and pick the best option.

Michael reported:

- November 2010: Total book sales was \$1,218.55. We paid out \$1,065.00 and had total funds in the bank of \$14,314.55
- December 2010: Total sales so far are \$1,103.15. We have paid out \$160.41 for new bookmarks and have total funds of \$15,257.29.
- Monthly sales are actually up 21% from a year ago. \$13,761.07 total sales in 2010 so far.

Friends of the Michigan Libraries and Chamber of Commerce fees are due. It is \$30 for FOML and \$50 for the Chamber of Commerce. Motion was passed unanimously.

Friends of the Dexter District Library memberships: We will discuss this more in the future.

- Should we charge membership dues? We could offer the ability to become members by either donating time or money to the Friends. A couple questions were asked in regards to this. What would Friends get of value if they just donate? Do we have enough volunteer opportunities for our members?
- We could send out an annual form to the Friends asking them to update how they would like to participate with the Friends.

- One suggestion was having the Board donate financially to the Friends. Some times when organizations go out looking for donations, they will be asked whether or not the Board contributes financially to the organization. It does not have to be a set amount. Just so there is 100% of the Board donating.

Budget:

- Review 2010 Budget: We were over about \$5,000, but \$7,000 of our payout was for shelves we had not budgeted for.
- Approval of 2011 Budget: At this time the budget is \$8,000. We do not have Paul's wish list yet. We will keep the budget as is for now and adjust it later.

February 11, 2011 is the Friends of Michigan Libraries Annual Meeting at the Delta Township Library in Lansing, Michigan. If anyone would like to attend, the information is on their website. www.foml.org

Raffle/Silent Auction:

- Forms were sent to the State of Michigan. They contacted us saying they still need the location of the event.
- Kantha has started a committee for this event and will contact the Friends to see if anyone would like to help out.

Our next meeting is January 25, 2011 at 7pm in the lower level of the Library.