

Friends of the Dexter District Library  
Minutes  
9/13/06

Present: Sue Smith, Allison Brueckner, Betty Busby, Mary Aleksoff, Kantha Gardner, Art Dykman, Marty Davis, Grace Bachofer, Betty Chaffee, Cindy Evans

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved with three revisions.

*President's report*

Cindy has been checking into 501C3 status. She hasn't gotten a firm answer yet and will continue to explore the issue.

*Vice President's report*

No report

*Secretary's report*

No report

*Treasurer's report*

Balance as of 8/31/06 is \$13,682.14. There were deposits of \$3,240.70 and no disbursements during the past three months.

Art has non-profit information form and requests that that all officers fill out their portion today.

*Trustee report*

Marty related that the site plan is waiting for final approval. The construction company is working with the architect

*Volunteer Coordinator*

Mary asked how the Dexter Daze book sale went since she was out of town that weekend. Members present indicated that plenty of volunteers showed up and there were no problems. Next book sale will be from 9-3 instead of 10-3 since the library is now open earlier. Mary will adjust the volunteer shifts for the October sale on October 7.

*Membership report*

Sue distributed copies of the new member list. She will continually update this list and distribute it when needed. There have been a couple of new members since last update.

*Homebound program*

Sue reported that the program is ready to work but there are no clients at this time. They've tried to work with the Senior Center, churches, and meals on wheels, and just have been unable to get any interest. The program will be disbanded for now. The Senior Center staff has offered to get books for anyone who needs them at this time. We will reconsider trying to start up a program after the new library is up and running. Cindy extended her thanks to Betty B., Grace, and Sue for all their hard work putting this program together. The policies and paperwork related to the homebound program will be kept with Friends paperwork in the library for future reference.

*Web design update*

Alison reported that she has been working with the library staff to redesign the entire library website. She is also trying to redesign the Friends area so that it's easier to access. She gave us all a list of information she needs and all agreed to provide it. She related many other ideas for the web site revisions and got input

from the Friends members present. She will be meeting with Paul and Cathy today to discuss. There is no "go live" date yet. Web address will be changing to [www.dexter.lib.mi.us](http://www.dexter.lib.mi.us).

#### *Annual meeting plans*

Cindy went over past meeting agendas to give everyone an idea of what the Friends is all about. She wondered if we should use the next Annual meeting to give information about the new library plans. Everyone voiced agreement with this idea.

The annual meeting date was changed to October 23rd at 7:30pm. There will be an ad in the Dexter Leader inviting participating in the meeting. Sue will also send an email to the entire membership about 3 weeks prior to the meeting.

Kantha asked for assistance from a couple of people to help plan the annual meeting. Cindy agreed to help and Sue said she might be able to, also.

#### *Director's report*

It appears that the plans for the new library will be approved although only preliminary approval has officially been given at this time. Final site plan approval application will be filed with review expected later in the fall. Bids will go out after final approval, and only then can construction begin. After that time ground breaking can be scheduled. Paul stated that overall, things are going well in planning.

Cindy suggested that the Friends be involved putting together the celebration for the ground breaking when it does occur.

Paul indicated that all available information can still be shared with FDDL members at the Annual meeting even though final approval won't have officially been given.

Paul said that we can get things published in the newsletter if we submit items to him by the deadline. Next deadline will be the beginning of November, so anything that we want to get in the winter newsletter will need to be decided on at the November meeting.

#### *New business*

Kantha suggested that we donate \$2000 toward the summer reading program. All present agreed to donate this amount.

Next meeting will be Wed, October 11, at 9am

Minutes submitted by  
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