

Friends of the Dexter District Library
Minutes
December 13, 2006

Our mission: Helping the Library fulfill its role in the community by fundraising, promotion, and support

Present: Ann Sellman, Carolyn Tyson, Sue Smith, Mary Aleksoff, Art Dykman, Kantha Gardner, Marty Davis, Linda Hosford, Betty Chaffee, Cindy Evans

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes.

President's report

Cindy began by explaining to the new members present how the Friends organization functions. No other report.

Vice President's report

Kantha discussed the 501c3 status. She reported that it's important to address this so that individuals who make donations can get tax deductions. She is working on doing that.

She also reported that a financial audit should be considered. Not so much because of any anticipated problems with the finances, but to show good faith to the community. She is contacting Marilyn Sleder for help on this. It turns out that now organizations with less than \$25,000 in yearly revenue are no longer exempt from filing information with the government.

Secretary's report

No report.

Treasurer's report

Balance as of 11/30/06 is \$11,286.76. There were deposits of \$1431.00 and disbursements of \$130.00 during the past month.

Marty explained the difference between shelf sales revenue, book sale revenue, and consignment revenue.

Trustee report

Marty went over the monthly book sale revenues and pointed out that we'd probably do better if we continued the monthly book sales during the summer and didn't have the big sale during Dexter Daze. On the other hand, the community gets very involved in the Dexter Daze celebration so it's good for visibility.

The Village Council approved the new library site plan. The houses on the properties are all gone, one having been used for training by the fire department.

Director's report

Village Council approval means that they can send the plans out for bids now. Site work may be started early so that building can begin in spring. They may put a parking lot in first to make things easier. Things are a bit slower at the library at this time of year. There is a big program this Saturday with reindeer out in the yard. Paul requested items for the newsletter within the week.

Paul discussed some of the plans for the library, including choices of brick, carpet, and colors. There will be a 48 car parking lot. The building will be built into the hill so that it looks like a two-story from the street and a three-story from the park.

Finally, Paul requested that the Friends purchase poinsettias to decorate the circulation desk. All present agreed to make this donation.

Membership report

Sue reported that she sent 4 names to each of the board members to call last month. She suggested that we encourage people to come to meetings and also enquire if they'd be able to if the meeting time were evening. There will be an article in the newsletter to encourage people to come to meetings. Sue indicated that the individuals she called had some good ideas for things Friends could do.

Others will make their phone calls this month and report back next month..

It was suggested that minutes go out to the whole membership. There was much discussion on different ways to involve people in the group. Starting this month the minutes will be sent to the entire membership. Linda Hosford volunteered to help with any other communications and will work with the secretary.

Volunteer Coordinator

Marty suggested that each month we ask Paul and Cathy what plans they have coming up so that we can ask for assistance from the membership for these events.

Book Sale Chair

Mary reported that the next book sale is January 6th. She'll be calling people to volunteer for this event.

Next meeting will be Wed, January 10, 2007, at 9am

Minutes submitted by

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