

**Friends of Dexter District Library Minutes
March 14, 2007**

Present:

Cindy Evans, Carolyn Tyson, Linda Hosford, Kantha Gardner, Mary Aleksoff

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

President's report:

No report

Vice President's report:

Before tax reporting for 2007 the question on 501c3 will be answered. Because the Friends annual sales are well below the bench mark of \$25,000, the question of becoming a c3 status needs to be answered. There was discussion regarding the hiring of a professional for filing the correct forms when the time comes. This would guarantee the process was handled properly. However, the filing may be simple and hiring someone would be unnecessary. Cindy will follow up with a potential person in the Dexter area who might consider advising and/or possible donation of services.

Treasurer's report:

No report

Trustee's report:

No report

Secretary's report:

It was approved that Linda Hosford would take the board position as secretary.

Membership report:

No report

Volunteer Coordinator:

Christy Mansour will handle the calling for book sale volunteers for the month of April. Carolyn Tyson will fill in for May if needed. A motion was made, seconded and a vote was taken to change the book sale date From Saturday, April 7 to Saturday, April 14 due to a conflict with Easter Sunday. Kantha will communicate with Marty Davis regarding the book sale placement of signs and handling of money.

Director's report:

Allison Brueckner is responsible for the updates to the library web page. She will be charging the library for this service. All communications regarding the web page should be copied to Paul. Ordinary items like the approved minutes to the Friends meetings can go directly to Allison (copied to Paul.) Anything out of the norm should go directly to Paul and he will be the liaison to Allison.

The Dexter Village Newsletter indicated spring pickup date as May 18. There was discussion regarding the Friends scheduled Landscape Spruce-Up Day coordinating with this date for ease of clean up. Carolyn who is a member of the Garden Club will follow up with that group regarding participation. The Friends will follow up with our membership.

First grade Reader Roundup handled over 250 children. They were busy, it ran great, and there were no problems. It is always a challenge as there is much coordination necessary. There are usually a dozen or more classroom teachers, building administration, bus administration and volunteers involved. The library appreciates the volunteer helpers. The Reader Roundup program is 10 years old. When it first began, the library issued approximately 90% new library cards to the first grade classes. Now it is averaging 50%, however, this is not an indication of

less participation as many of the children are well acquainted with the library and already have a card.

The new building is proceeding on schedule. Bid opening for the site work will be mid April, with the approximate time for groundbreaking the beginning of May. The construction package will be coming back from the bidding process mid to late May. Construction will hopefully begin mid to late June.

Open Discuss:

Establishing a fund raising committee was discussed and it was agreed this would be beneficial. Cindy Hodges name was suggested as a potential chair person. Also, the publicity chair person position is open. Cindy Evans will talk to Cindy Hodges to see if she is interested in either of these. If we fill the publicity position, there are many opportunities to develop. A feature article in the Dexter Leader regarding our 501c3 status (or lack of) and groundbreaking event(s) were suggested.

There was discussion about the new building ground breaking and having some type of fun event surrounding this.

Faith In Action group contacted the Friends asking for a donation for a silent auction on April 21. Kantha, Cindy and Mary will investigate and if appropriate, we will donate something slated for the book sale.

Next meeting will be April 11, 2007 at 9 a.m.

Minutes submitted by
Linda Hosford
Secretary, Friends of the Dexter District Library