

Minutes of The Friends of Paw Paw District Library

The was meeting was called to order January 24, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. at the Paw Paw District Library.

Those attending:

**Kris Steward – Director - President
Cindy Barres – Director - Vice President
James Miller – Director - Secretary
Joan Ford – Director - Membership
Gretchen Evans – Director of The Paw Paw District Library
Carla Chase – Director
Sue Danielson – Friend of the Library
Nina Consolatti – Friend of the Library
Mary Jane Dillon – Friend of the Library**

Absent:

**Tom Shoemaker – Director – Treasurer
Darlene Wilson – Director at Large**

Secretary Report:

The minutes of the November 15, 2023 meeting were approved as revised by a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

In Tom's absence, Kris shared that the checking account balance is \$12,218.75 with deposits made from memberships and the mobile book cart.

Membership Report:

Joan shared that she will be sending out renewal applications in the very near future to those who have joined in the month of May.

On Going Business:

1) The great news is that The Library has started accepting donations of books for the next Used Book Sale. This news will appear on social media from the Friends and The Paw Paw District Library.

- 2) The mobile book cart will be placed in Bigbee Coffee on Kalamazoo Ave for the month of February. There was discussion regarding the book cart and how the first couple of weeks at a location there is lots of book purchases and support of the merchant. As time goes by, the purchases seem to wane. Perhaps the book cart could be moved more often. The idea of the mobile book cart might take some time to catch on around the community.
- 3) Carla shared that the book sorting that had been scheduled for January was cancelled due to circumstances beyond her control. However, there is an opportunity for a few volunteers to joint the books sorting operation in February.
- 4) Nina will send the revised file of The Friends of the Paw Paw District Library Membership and Volunteer Application and Annual Renewal to the Library for printing. This support is very welcome.
- 5) There was discussion regarding the format of the quarterly newsletter. Nina will prepare the newsletter for distribution with regard to the suggestions shared.

New Business:

- 1) The next Used Book sale is scheduled for May 17 and 18, 2024. There are discussions and ongoing preparations, including:
 - a. New signs for the display tables with new inserts on card stock
 - b. New check-out table; retire the card table
 - c. Locating existing outdoor Book Sale signage
 - d. Purchase of a new Sandwich Board for Book Sale for more exposure
 - e. Set up a table only as a holding location for shoppers
 - f. Refrain from collecting email addresses from book sale patrons, rather have an email/website handout
 - g. Members only pre-sale from 5 to 7 on set up day: YES
- 2) During Director Evans report, she thanked those involved with the Christmas Party. The Grapevine, The Library's quarterly

newsletter should/will have space for The Friends information. Jen O'Donnell maintains the Library webpage. There could be a meeting of Friends and Library personnel to align the Face Books pages of both organizations.

3) Carla reported that un-usable books are taken to the nearest Paper-Gator for disposal. She also takes the time to visit other Libraries to inquire how others places do their Used Book Sales.

4) The next meeting of The Friends is scheduled for March 27, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Miller
Director - Secretary