

Minutes of The Friends of Paw Paw District Library

**The was meeting was called to order March 27, 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
Tom Shoemaker – Director Treasurer
Gretchen Evans – Director of The Paw Paw District Library
Susan Anderson – Friend of the Library
Nina Consolatti – Friend of the Library
Judith Halseth – Friend of the Library**

Absent:

**Carla Chase – Director
Darlene Wilson – Director at Large**

Secretary Report:

**The minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting were approved as
presented by a voice vote.**

Treasurer’s Report:

**Tom reported that the checking account balance is \$12,336.35
with deposits made from memberships applications. He had
written a check to Sporting Image totaling \$42.40 for new
plaques for the Little Free Libraries that are sponsored by The
Friends and co-sponsored by the Rotary Club.**

Membership Report:

**Joan shared that there were two (2) membership forms
processed. In addition, she will be sending out renewal
applications to those who have joined in the month of May.**

On Going Business:

**1) Jennifer O’Donnell has updated the Friends of The Library’s
page on The Library’s website. Thank you, Jennifer.**

Nina Consolatti will forward the quarterly Friends Group Newsletter to Jennifer for inclusion on the website. The Secretary's report will also be forwarded for inclusion.

- 2) The discussion regarding the future of the mobile book cart will be tables due to Carla's absence from the meeting.**
- 3) Books will be accepted at Sporting Image on April 1 and May 1. Please coordinate with Carla or Darlene as the hours when they will be accepting gently used books.**
- 4) The preparations are well under way for the next Used Book sale scheduled for May 17 and 18, 2024 at the Paw Paw District Library to be help in the Program Room.**
 - a. Nina brought samples of the table sign inserts to help book sale patrons identify the classification of reading material they are seeking. Thank you for the donation of the card stock and the hard work you have put into this effort.**
 - b. The signs for outdoors are ready to be displayed. The Library will advertise the Book Sale with the electronic sign at the front of the property.**
 - c. Flyers will be printed to notify all of the times and dates of the Book Sale. The flyers will be in two sizes, as in the past.**
 - d. Joan will call people from the Active Friends of The Library listing seeking volunteers to help with the Book Sale. She will need three (3) people for some busy times during the sale.**
 - e. The set up for the Book Sale will be easier than in previous events. The book sorting and storage operation is much nearer to the Library, facilitating the economical transfer of the books during the set up process.**
 - f. There will be pre-sale on Thursday, May 16 from 5:00 to 7:00. This sale is open only to members of The Friends of The Paw Paw District Library whose membership is paid up.**

New Business:

- 1) Nina will accept and edit articles of interest submitted for the quarterly newsletter. Please coordinate with Nina if you want to submit print or photos for the newsletter.
- 2) The following issues were tabled for future meetings:
 - a. Membership status with Friends of Michigan Libraries.
 - b. A contract of understanding between The Friends' Group and The Library.
 - c. Friends' sponsored book club at The Library.
 - d. Scheduling book drop off times at Sporting Image for the future.
- 3) Director Evans requested funds from The Friends' Group to support The Summer Reading Program for 2024. This ongoing program has been very successful for many years, and will continue. A motion for \$1000 for Summer Reading Program was moved by Tom and supported by Cindy. Voting members voted in favor of the motion. Tom wrote the check and handed it to Director Evans.
- 4) The next meeting of The Friends is scheduled for May 22, 2024 at The Library.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Miller
Director - Secretary