

## **Minutes of The Friends of Paw Paw District Library**

**The was meeting was called to order May 22, 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  
Carla Chase - Director  
Darlene Wilson – Director at Large  
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  
Connie Peruchiatti – Friend of the Library  
Vicki Roberts – Friend of the Library**

### **Absent:**

**Tom Shoemaker – Director - Treasurer**

### **Secretary Report:**

**The minutes of the March 27, 2024 meeting were approved as  
presented by a voice vote.**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

**The Treasurer's report was read by Kris, who was pleased to  
report that the Book Sale of May 16, 17, and 18 has netted  
approximately \$2256 and the checking account balance is  
\$13,657.70.**

### **Membership Report:**

**Joan shared that for the month of May six (6) applications for  
renewal were sent and five (5) had been returned. There were  
two (2) new Friends of The Library who have joined in April and  
May.**

### **On Going Business:**

- 1) The Book Sale of May 16, 17, and 18 was the main topic of discussion. Everyone that had participated was pleased with the outcome. The set up had been well orchestrated and ran smoothly. The book sorting and storage location was convenient for the set up. There were enough volunteers to support shoppers and the check-out process. The Pre-sale was a success. The Library's donation of used computers, monitors, and coffee makers was very welcome. The addition of Smiley Face stickers to the books in the Free Box was an ingenious idea. The company disposing of the unsold books gave a \$50 donation.
- 2) The Mobile Book Cart project has been parked for the time being.
- 3) Nina is putting together the next Friend's Newsletter to include items of interest. Nina will also take submissions of articles for the newsletter.

#### **New Business:**

- 1) Kris put forth the idea of having committees, both Standing and Ad-Hoc to deal with subjects with which The Friends Group must deal. Committee assignments were made for these committees.
  - a. Books Sale Committee. A standing committee dedicated to all things related to the Book Sales
  - b. A Friends Sponsored Book Club. An ad-hoc committee to explore the possibilities of such a book club.
  - c. Letter of Understanding between The Friends of the Library and The Paw Paw District Library. An ad-hoc committee whose work will conclude with a document between the two entities.
  - d. Membership in the Friends of Michigan Libraries. An ad-hoc committee.
- 2) Karla Chase will be taking on more job-related responsibilities in May 2025. Due to this, she will be handling more responsibilities to others in the group.

- 3) Gretchen Evens gave The Library Director's report in which she thanked many people who have helped with providing and planting native plants in the Rain Garden. She also asked for funding for Library Employee Recognition. It was moved and supported to fund the project with \$200. Tom will be contacted to write a check for this.
- 4) The Directors went into executive session. The outcome of the session was that the Director – Treasurer and Director - President should be signers on the checking account.
- 5) The next meeting of The Friends is scheduled for July 24, 2024 at The Library.

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Miller  
Director - Secretary