

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

**The was meeting was called to order February 5, 20025 at 4:00 P.M. at the Paw Paw District Library.**

### **Those attending:**

**Kris Steward – Director – President  
Tom Shoemaker – Director - Treasurer  
James Miller – Director – Secretary  
Carla Chase - Director  
Gretchen Evans - Director of The Paw Paw District Library  
Susan Anderson - Friend of the Library**

### **Those absent:**

**Cindy Barres – Director – Vice President  
Joan Ford – Director - Membership  
Darlene Wilson – Director**

### **Secretary's Report:**

**Minutes of the previous meet were approved as written.**

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

**Tom was pleased to share the latest balance sheet showing current amount of \$11,173.23.**

### **Membership Report:**

**There were two (2) renewal this month.  
In addition, Joan Ford has moved out of the area served by The Paw Paw District Library, thus she is no longer able to remain a Director. Susan Anderson has shown interest in taking on more responsibility within The Friends Group. It was moved, supported, and voted by acclimation to have Susan Anderson as Director – Membership.**

**Susan will coordinate with Joan for a smooth transition of the duties and responsibilities that go with the position. Thank you, Joan, for your service and congratulations to Susan**

### **Book Sales Committee Report:**

The next Used Book Sale will be May 16 and 17, 2025, with the set up and Pre-Sale on May 15. The Library has saved the dates for us to utilize The Program Room for our fundraising event. There was much discussion regarding volunteer sign up, the quantity and quality of books being donated, and that there will be a special table for special books.

Carla reported that more than \$300 were collected from the Friend's ongoing Book Sale within the Library.

Carla wanted to note special thanks to the people at Sporting Image for their support and space for our book sorting and storage. The next book donation drop off at Sporting Image on Red Arrow Highway is March 3, from 3:00 to 4:30.

There are some guidelines regarding book donations: Books and material that have been stored in unheated locations, are dirty or pest ridden are not of value to The Friends of The Library and should be discarded.

#### **Friends Sponsored Book Club Committee:**

Friends Read, the Book Club sponsored by The Friends of The Paw Paw District Library had its first meeting January 9, 2025 with 6 people attending. These participants told of books that had special significance to them, and wanted to share with others. We want to thank The Library for snacks during our first meeting. The next Friends Read is February 13, 2025 from 6:00 to 7:30.

#### **Friends of Michigan Libraries of Michigan Membership:**

Tom reported that he had enrolled us with the Friends of Michigan Libraries for 2025. Thanks, Tom. A motion to repay Tom the \$50 he charged to his credit card was supported and voted in the affirmative.

#### **Friends Newsletter:**

Nina will issuing the next newsletter in the very near future, reminding us of the next Used Book sale in May, 2025. She will be adding photos of Friends sponsored events at The Library. Nina will entertain articles of interest submitted to her. Thank you, Nina for your work on this fountain of information.

#### **Friends Membership Committee:**

In an effort to attract more members, it was suggested that a social event might be in order. There will be an Ad Hoc Committee will be set up by Susan to brainstorm such a social event. We were reminded that there needs to be a 'hook' to bring in attendees.

#### **Fundraising Committee:**

Carla suggested that later in the Spring, a Soup & Sandwich lunch could be held at her working farm to do fundraising and attract new members. She will be working on that.

#### **Library Director's Report:**

Gretchen Evans thanked The Friends' Group for their help with Library programs during the Holiday Season. She shared the annual statistics the Library keep on numbers of people who enter the building, number of items checked out, library cards issued and renewed, number of programs and events and the attendance at those programs.

Director Evans listed the Library programs for the month of February and said that information is also available on the Website.

The Library's monthly newsletter will be sent out to the end of February identifying programs in March, April and May for your information.

There was discussion regarding the future of the space to the West of the Library building. Director Evens told of progress with an Engineering firm under contract, a Community Design Cherrette on February 25 to aid in the design of the outdoor facility.

Director Evans requested The Friends' Group support for the following Library events:

Summer Reding Program - \$500

Spooktacular - \$300

GeekFest - \$400

Santa's Winter Workshop - \$300

Actions in support of these requests will occur at later meetings.

**The next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2025 at The Library.**

**The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**James W. Miller  
Director - Secretary**