

Friends of the Chelsea District Library

Board Meeting Minutes, November 16, 2017

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm
- II. **Roll Call:** Gary Zenz, Nancy Neff, Michele Mullens, Lori Coryell, Sue Skiendziel
- III. The agenda was accepted
- IV. The Minutes for the September 20, 2017 meeting were accepted.
- V. **Director's Report:** attached to these minutes.
- VI. **Chair Reports:**
 - a. Nancy Neff presented the Treasurer's Report
 - b. Hospitality: Michele Mullens reported. The October Tea went very well, with 35-40 people attending. Nine people became new members at the Tea.
 - c. Book Sale: It was reported that the Smith family gave a large donation of books for the book sale.
- VII. **Old Business**
 - a. **FCML:** Jennifer Kundak emailed reports from the FOML meetings. There was a brief discussion of these reports.
 - b. There are still no membership or communications chairs.
 - c. Gary Zenz and Sue Skiendziel will be learning how to upload documents to our web page.
- VIII. **Upcoming events:**
 - a. December 2 will be the next Friends Board Meeting at 4:00, followed by the Volunteer Appreciation party and parade viewing.
 - b. The Friends of the CDL Annual Meeting will be Saturday January 27, 2018 at 10:30.
- IX. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Submitted by Sue Skiendziel, Secretary.

Director's Report to Friends – November 2017 Meeting

New ILS

Effective May 29, 2018, we will have a new ILS (Integrated Library System). CARL is a product of The Library Corporation. CARL was unanimously chosen within the TLN consortium (50 libraries in 53 buildings). We are excited about the many benefits this will bring to our patrons! It's a very user-friendly system. The library will be closed May 26, 27, and 28 (Saturday, Sunday, and Memorial Day) for TLN's migration to this system. TLN signed a seven-year contract with no annual increase. CARL will result in some savings to CDL.

Recent Incident at CDL

Share press release from Lori and Charlie (on behalf of Board).

3D Printing at CDL

CDL took part in the Hand Challenge and produced three prosthetic hands using our 3D printers. The hands can be connected to a patient's wrist and the fingers can move and grip items with the assistance of a system of rubber bands and fishing line controlled by wrist movement. An adult hand takes 20 hours to produce all its parts; an adolescent hand takes 12.

Volunteer Appreciation Party

We are all looking forward to the Volunteer Appreciation and Parade Watching Party in McKune on Saturday, December 2nd. CDL staff heartily congratulates Michele Mullens on her selection as Friend of the Year!

Beautifully Wrapped Exhibit on Display at CDL Through November

Beautifully Wrapped is an international, interfaith organization that brings together people of all cultures and ethnicities to showcase the art form of headwrapping as a way to promote beauty, spiritual identity and holistic healing and health. The exhibit is a way to showcase the person behind the veil, highlighting the humanity of the people who choose to wear headwraps. The exhibit emphasizes that there is no one religion or culture that uses headwraps but rather than headwrapping is common across the globe and an excellent way to see similarities in cultures, religions, and art around the world.

Strategic Plan Goal Progress

Goal progress from October – early November 2017 is shared below.

Goal 1.1 Realize the highest potential of the Library facility, fully utilizing all existing space to support optimal patron usage and experience.

- Prepared for installation of Beautifully Wrapped exhibit.

Goal 1.2 Continue to diversify the Library's revenue sources.

- \$10,000 anonymous donation received.

Goal 1.3 Continue to advocate for and support high-speed Internet access throughout the Library service area.

Goal 2.1 Increase awareness/visibility of the Library throughout the community.

- Director and Head of Marketing met with Sun Times reporter for article about CDL's initiative to support local arts community by showcasing art on newsletter covers.
- Installed street banner at Lyndon Township for public WiFi access.

Goal 2.3 Strengthen and sustain relationships with schools in the district.

- Offered first program led by Homeschool Meetup group (No Carve Pumpkins).
- Instituted practice of attending staff meetings at all schools to inform educators of CDL resources available to them.
- Library policies reviewed and updated to ensure opportunities for Library cards for all school children in the CSD.

Goal 3.1 Enhance the Library's programs, collections, and services to address the needs and interests of teenage patrons.

- Hosted teen songwriting workshop featuring John E. Lawrence and open mic in McKune (60 teens in attendance).
- Working with CHS Creative Writing Club on Spring newsletter content and artwork.
- First teen "After Hours" event hosted (Escape Room).
- Started "That Thursday Thing" to provide programming twice a month featuring a variety of activities.

Goal 3.2 provide leadership around issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion through our programs, collections, and services.

- Installed Beautifully Wrapped exhibit in lobby.