

Friends of the Chelsea District Library

Minutes of the Board Meeting, April 10, 2018

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.
- II. **Roll call:** Sue Skiendziel, Michele Mullens, Jennifer Kundak, Nancy Neff, Gary Zenz, Jan Carr.
- III. There was no public comment.
- IV. The agenda was accepted.
- V. The Minutes of the March 8th meeting were approved.
- VI. The Director's Report was read by Gary Zenz. It is attached to these minutes.
- VII. **FOML Update:** Jennifer Kundak reported on the Friends of Michigan Libraries Spring Workshops, which were held March 8 and 9 in Southfield.
- VIII. **Chair Reports:**
 - a. Nancy Neff, Treasurer, presented the March Financial Report. There was discussion about the \$3 coupons for the book sale that will be given to teens in the Summer Reading Program. It was decided that they will not be able to use them for the \$5 bags of books.
 - b. Michele Mullens, Hospitality Chair, reported that everything is set for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon.
 - c. Gary said that there is no update on his work on creating a master mailing list.
- IX. **Old Business:**
 - a. The Friends do not need to staff the table at the Spring Expo, but some handouts will be at the library's table.
 - b. There was discussion about putting volunteer opportunities on the Chelseamich website.
 - c. There was discussion about the need for new stationary.
 - d. Jan Carr reported that there are old Friends' supplies in the basement. She suggested that we should have a work day down there.
- X. The next meeting is scheduled for May 10 at 6 pm.
- XI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sue Skiendziel, Secretary

Director's Report to Friends – April 2018 Meeting

Midwest Lit Walk

We are happy to announce that we are celebrating 10 years of the Midwest Literary Walk with featured authors: Michael Eric Dyson, Will Schwalbe, and Ada Limón. The Walk will take place at historic venues throughout downtown Chelsea on **Saturday, April 28 from 1-5pm**. It is open to the public and free of charge.

In addition, we are pleased to announce that we will be featured on Detroit Public Television's launch of the new PBS series THE GREAT AMERICAN READ. Hosted by Meredith Vieira, this eight-part television and online series is designed to spark a national conversation about reading and the books that have inspired, moved, and shaped us. It premieres **Tuesday, May 22 at 8pm on Detroit Public Television**.

For more information on the 10th annual Midwest Literary Walk, including times, locations, and local business discounts, see our attached poster, press release, or visit midwestliterarywalk.org.

Walk to School Wednesdays

CDL is partnering with 5 Healthy Towns, Chelsea Schools, the City of Chelsea, and Silver Solutions on Walk to School Wednesdays – a healthy and fun initiative. The program will launch with a spring preview on March 16th with plans to begin weekly Wednesday walks throughout the school year starting in September. CDL will serve as the starting point for walks to South Meadows and Beach Middle Schools. North Creek students will meet up at the Clocktower Complex. Walkers will walk with adult volunteers to keep everyone safe and on time. Library staff will provide monthly themes for the walk. The program is modeled after successful programs around the country – including Manchester which sees up to 100 students walking three times a week during the school year. CDL is excited to collaborate on this project.

Strategic Plan 2017-19 Update

Goal progress from March– early April 2018 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.

- Begin exploring options for display system for exhibitions we will host in McKune.
- Landscape project for front of building begun.

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

- Attended two Michigan Broadband Cooperative meetings. First meeting discussed response to Lyndon Townships RFI for Wholesale Broadband Providers and the second meeting we discussed collaborative tools and introduced Google Drive and Slack.

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

- Continue to work with 5 Healthy Towns, Silver Solutions, and Chelsea Schools on Walk to School Wednesdays initiative.

Goal 2.2 Conduct regular, meaningful outreach and engagement with residents and representatives of the rural areas of the Library's service district.

- Began exploring the idea of creating Storywalks at different walking paths, parks, etc in the townships to provide a service for those patrons who may not regularly visit the library directly.

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

- Continue to work with 5 Healthy Towns, Silver Solutions, and Chelsea Schools on Walk to School Wednesdays initiative.

Goal 3.4 Collaborate with our community's senior population to create deliberately designed intergenerational programming opportunities.

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