

## Friends of the Chelsea District Library

### Minutes of the September 13, 2018 meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm
- II. **Roll Call:** Gary Zenz, Michele Mullens, Lori Coryell, Jan Carr, Jennifer Kundak, Sue Skiendziel, Nancy Neff.
- III. There was no public comment.
- IV. The agenda was accepted, with two additions.
- V. The Minutes of the August 9, 2018 meeting was approved.
- VI. **Director's Report:** It is attached to these minutes.
- VII. **Chair Reports:**
  - a. Sue Skiendziel, Secretary: Will be getting access to the Facebook page to post items of interest.
  - b. Nancy Neff, Treasurer: went over the Financial Report.
  - c. Michele Mullens, Hospitality Chair: The annual Tea is October 24<sup>th</sup>. Gary will be sending emails to current and former members of the Friends to invite them to the Tea.
- VIII. **Old Business:**
  - a. Gary presented the updated Work Plan.
  - b. The Library Board Planning Retreat can be attended as members of the public.
  - c. The Friends membership list was reviewed.
- IX. **New Business:**
  - a. The membership will be emailed, asking for nominations for Friend of the Year.
  - b. Gary will be contacting Patti to advertise the drawing for the E-Reader.
  - c. There was discussion about the Winter Newsletter content.
  - d. Jan told the board that we are low on all sizes of book bags. She suggested that we have just the large and small bags, and no medium sized ones. Dan Kaminsky will be ordering six of each.
  - e. Jan also brought up the poor condition of the ramp in the basement. George Hunt has volunteered to paint the ramp if we supply the paint. It was decided that we will reimburse him for the price of the paint. Gary will send him a Thank You card.
- X. **Upcoming Events:**
  - a. FOML Fall Workshop: October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at Delta Township Library.
  - b. "Talk About Friends": November 14 at 1:00 at Ypsilanti Public Library. It is free to all FOML members, but attendees must register in advance.
  - c. The next board meeting is Thursday, October 11 at 5:30 pm
- XI. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm

*Minutes submitted by Sue Skiendziel, Secretary*

## **Director's Report to Friends – September 2018 Meeting**

### **Staff News**

Virginia Krueger joined the CDL team in August. She is our new part-time marketing assistant. She brings many skills and gifts to the job and has jumped right in creating eNews content and press releases.

### **2019 Staff In-Service Day**

Our staff in-service day was time well spent focusing on a healthy workplace. Sheryl Ulin from the University of Michigan's Center for Ergonomics presented a morning session on the "science of designing the job to fit the worker. Not forcing the worker to fit the job." She shared her insights from observations of CDL staff at work with suggestions for possible interventions to create happier, healthier staffers.

David Zubl, Senior Associate Director of the University of Michigan's Development Learning Programs, led an engaging afternoon session on understanding how to identify and manage common reactions we or others may have that can interfere with effective communication. We examined how we may react to people and situations via the SCARF (Status, Certainty, Autonomy, Relatedness, Fairness) model and how these reactions might hinder communication.

### **American Farmer Exhibition**

September 5 – October 20

Hours: Mondays 5-8:30 pm, Wednesdays – Fridays 10 am – 5 pm, Saturdays 1-4:30 pm, Sundays 1-5 pm

Chelsea District Library is proud to present the American Farmer Exhibit, provided by ExhibitsUSA.

Through American Farmer, CDL honors the rich farm heritage of our community.

American Farmer celebrates the living spirit of our heartland through the faces and voices of the people who keep it alive. Featuring forty-five full-color and black-and-white portraits and interviews with farmers across the United States—from cattle

ranchers to strawberry growers—American Farmer tells the honest and inspiring stories of the true stewards of our land.

When photographer Paul Mobley set out to capture the soul of our country's farm communities, he encountered an enduring rural culture that remains rooted in the principles of tradition, family, integrity, and hard work. Crisscrossing the country, from Alaska to Florida, Mobley and his camera were welcomed time and time again into the homes of hundreds of farm families. Visit after visit, Mobley came to know the independent farmer's spirit from both behind the lens and across the dinner table. He sought the elusive spirit of agriculture, looking for subjects that mirrored the project's sense of risk and independence. The resulting images show farmers with a strong sense of where they belong in the universe, a close connection to the land and their day-to-day work as it affects the rest of the world.

### **2019 Proposed Budget**

The Board will vote on the 2019 proposed budget at their September 18 meeting.

### **Strategic Plan Highlights**

- Design Think demoing and surveying of users' continues.
- Lima Township outreach with Rockin' on the Farm event at Bel Liberty Farm on 9/8 – more than 100 attendees.
- Hosted booth in Merchant Barn at Chelsea Fair.
- Working with Waterloo Farm Museum and Michigan and Washtenaw Farm Bureaus on Rockin' on Farm event and American Farmer exhibition.
- Completed construction of a Little Free Library for Chelsea High Scholl Alumni Arbor.
- Teen summer reading finale – more than 60 attendees.