

## **Friends of the Chelsea District Library**

### **Minutes of the Meeting: May 9, 2019**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
2. Roll Call: Gary Zenz, Jan Carr, Sue Skiendziel, Jean Vargas, Lori Coryell. Absent: Nancy Neff, Michele Mullens. From the public: Sabrina Friedline.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The agenda for the meeting was accepted.
5. The Minutes for the March 14, 2019 meeting were approved.
6. Lori Coryell presented the Director's Report. It is attached to these Minutes.
7. Chair updates:
  - a. Sue Skiendziel, Secretary, updated the Board on Facebook postings. There was discussion about whether the Friends can advocate for the Library Millage on its Facebook postings. The YES Committee will tell Sue when and what to post regarding the millage.
  - b. The Treasurer was absent. Library Director, Lori Coryell, requested that the Friends provide their budgeted funding for the Millage Campaign now and pay for other things later. A motion was made that the Friends funds specifically allocated for \$1000 for the Millage Campaign be made now in lieu of any other programming until this commitment is met. The motion was seconded and passed.
  - c. The Hospitality Chair was absent. The annual Tea will be October 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.
  - d. Jean Vargas, Membership, reported that there are two lists of library supporters that need to be merged. Sabrina will take care of this merging. This will be completed by June 11, and a mailing will go out from the library on June 21, regarding the millage. There was discussion about getting a current list of active volunteers, who are automatically member of the Friends. An email will be sent to Friends members to invite them to special seating and the AfterGlow party for the Music in the Air concert on June 8. Sue will make a sign to go up by the volunteer sign-in station to invite our volunteers.
8. Old business:
  - a. The Work Plan was reviewed, with dates added for some events.
  - b. For the ongoing goal of completing Job Descriptions for all board positions, draft job descriptions will be written by Gary for President and President-Elect, Sue for Secretary and Communications Chair, Nancy for Treasurer, Michele for Hospitality Chair. Jan already has a Job Description for Book Sale Manager, and Jean already has a Job Description for Membership Chair.
  - c. There was discussion about art prints of the library that were found in the basement. No decision was made on what to do with them.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

## **Director's Report to Friends – May 2019 Meeting**

### ***August Millage Renewal***

CDL will have a proposal on the August 6 ballot to renew our operating millage. We plan to kick things off with staff at a meeting on Wednesday, March 22 at noon in McKune. “Millage whisperer” Shirley Bruursema will join us to rally the troops. The Friends board is invited to attend. Lunch will be provided.

### **Midwest Literary Walk and Artist in Residence**

*Both of these major events were huge successes. Those who participated in one of the programs during Luis J. Rodriguez's three-day stay (April 25, 26, 27) in Chelsea were overwhelmingly positive about the experience. More than 80% of attendees rated the presentations “excellent,” and 100% stated they would attend this program or one like it again. I was particularly moved by his work with students at Chelsea High School and local writers. As Luis noted, there is some real talent in this community! I am grateful CDL had a small part in celebrating that talent.*

*Luis's visit culminated in the Midwest Literary Walk on April 27– another fantastic day for our community and literature lovers. We had record-breaking attendance at all three events. Each writer – Min Jin Lee, Rodriguez, and Anissa Gray—engaged with their audience in profound ways*

### **Music in the Air Concert/Friends/ Membership Has Its Benefits**

*We will rope off seats for Friends (8-10 seats) at the June 8, 2 pm Music in the Air concert featuring Jacopo Giacomuzzi and Georgy Gusev. This seating will be on a first come, first seated basis.*

*Also, the event sponsors will graciously provide beverages for an afterglow reception in McKune. We are using this reception as another Friends'/Benefits effort. CDL will provide light appetizers and set up of room. Friends will take care of the invitations.*

### **Aim High Intern at CDL**

*CDL welcomes a new intern this summer. Ross Dunlap is a graduate of Aim High School (an alternative school in Farmington Hills that draws students from southeast Michigan who are on the autism spectrum) and has a Library Tech certificate. He will work with Lucie Smith and staff processing materials.*