

Friends of the Chelsea District Library

Board Meeting: January 24, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Roll call: Gary Zenz, Jan Carr, Sue Skiendziel, Jean Vargas. Absent: Nancy Neff, Michele Mullens. Public: Suzanne Morrison.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The Minutes from the December meeting will be approved at the next regular board meeting.
5. Lori Coryell gave the Director's Report. It is attached to these Minutes.
6. Chair Reports:
 - a. Jean Vargas, Membership Chair, reported that there are 328 people on the Global Mailing List. All new members have received a Welcome Letter.
 - b. Jan Carr, Used Book Sale Chair, reported that Books-by-Chance are closing their business. But they want to keep a relationship with us, one of their three biggest accounts. As of now, things are still the same for our business with them.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Name tags for board members have been distributed.
 - b. After the revised By-laws are approved at the Annual Meeting, they will have the approval date of January 25, 2020.
 - c. The Annual Meeting agenda was reviewed.
 - d. There was discussion about how we can let members know about volunteer activities.
8. New Business:
 - a. Jean and Jan are planning on going to the Friends of Michigan Libraries meetings in March in Portage. The FCDL will pay for their registrations.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sue Skiendziel, Secretary

Director's Report to Friends – January 24, 2020

The CDL Board of Trustees recognized the 2019 friend of the Year and Volunteer of the year with resolutions of heart-felt appreciation at their January meeting.

Staff News

- **Patty Roberts' Retirement**

It is with personal regret but the warmest of wishes that I announce the retirement of Patty Roberts effective January 31. Patty has accomplished so much in her time here at CDL! She has been a tremendous employee who leaves a remarkable legacy due to a unique combination of smarts, competence, and creativity. She will be hard to replace.

Her retirement is our loss but a well-deserved reward for her. We all wish her the very best!

A very good candidate has been found to replace Patty. More information on that when the news is official!

- **Margaret Loebe Is Moving On**

Please join me in congratulating Adult Librarian Margaret Loebe who will be moving to Eastern Michigan University's Halle Library to head up their circulation department. While she loved her work at CDL, she has found a job practically made for her! Her last day at CDL will be February 7. We have already posted for her replacement.

On Your Radar

- *A Conversation with Jose Antonio Vargas (author of the 2020 Washtenaw Reads' title Dear America, Notes of an Undocumented Citizen)
January 30 at Washtenaw Community College*
- *Motown Magic: Music and Memories with John E. Lawrence
February 23 in McKune*
- *Authors in Chelsea: An Evening with Authors Alyssa Satin Capucilli, Kirby Larson, and Susan Vaught
March 17 at Washington Street Education Center*

Strategic Planning Update

Bridgeport Consulting has been convening stakeholder engagement meetings for the drafting process of the library's 2020-22 Strategic Plan. This board will receive a draft plan at next month's meeting.

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