

Friends of the Richland Community Library Minutes
January 29, 2016 at Liz's Cafe, Richland, Michigan, 12:00 p.m.

President: Marsha Meyer
Vice President: Cindy Berg

Secretary: Sharon Reid
Treasurer: Brenda Lauer

Present: Cindy Berg, Melanie Dekruyter, Brenda Lauer, Dennis Kreps, Michael Dunn, Susan Brooks, Diane Bishop, Ruth Anne Prentice, Dianne Woods, Marsha Dunn, Sharon Reid, Ellen Hoyt, Lota Hartel.

Welcome/Introduction: We welcomed several new people to the meeting. Pres. Meyer provided a brief history and mission of Friends.

Library Director Dennis Kreps talked to the group, thanking us for handling the refreshments at the past events. He also provided information on ways Friends assist in the success of the Richland Community Library.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 13, 2015 meeting were presented and read by past Sec. Ruth Ann Prentice. Minutes were approved.

As of January 2016, Library Director Dennis Kreps will be our POC for uploading the monthly minutes to the library site. Sec. Reid will work directly with him.

Treasurer's Report

Treas. Lauer presented and read the 2015 Annual Financial Report. Discussion was provided for the new members benefit, explaining how the group utilizes the funds raised/spent for the library thru the different events we sponsor. Annual Financial Report was approved.

New procedures of the Friends Library book sales monies have been implemented.

Old Business

A short annual officer's election meeting was held Thursday, November 19, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at the library before the program with Tony Lorenz for which there are no minutes.

The 2016 elected officers are as follows:

- Marsha Dunn - President
- Cindy Berg - Vice President
- Brenda Lauer - Treasurer
- Sharon Reid - Secretary

February 9th, will feature author and historian D.E. (Dan) Johnson who is discussing how he researched his Detroit Electric Car mystery series and the art of writing an exciting and true- to -the-times historical mystery. This program is one of four author visits organized and sponsored by the Michigan Authors Collaborative which is comprised of the library, Friends, Richland Rotary and the Croasdale family. This program is also cosponsored by the Gilmore Car Museum who will be hosting D.E. Johnson at the Gilmore Car Museum Sunday, February 14, 2015. Dianne Woods is responsible for refreshments with help from Cindy Berg. It was noted that the person responsible for refreshments for any event needs to present Dennis Kreps with receipts and he will reimburse from the account the

Friends group funds

Dennis Kreps will have purchased the new microphones (part of the \$500 provided to the library for a new sound system) in time for February 9th's author event.

Annual \$5.00 Friends membership fee was discussed. Pros/Cons of charging more, not having a fee or leaving as is. Tabled to next meeting.

New Business

Pres. talked about implementing a new goal for Friends - **"I Love My Library"**. **"Be a Friend"** informational paper was presented by Pres. as future handouts for the library front desk to help promote Friends. Reid volunteered to have graphics added.

Fixed meeting dates/times were discussed. It was decided to meet on the 3rd Friday at Liz's Cafe, Richland 12:00-1:30 p.m. Meetings will try to be kept to an hour. Members can eat/not eat/leave when they need to.

Meetings will take place in 2016 in January, March, May, June, September, November (flexible due to holiday).

Discussion was held on wearing Friends name badges when assisting with an event to identify us to the public. We have badges for this purpose behind the library checkout desk where the Friends mailbox is located.

Motion to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. Reid/Bishop. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon L. Reid, Secretary