

Friends Meeting April 1, 2025

Meeting opened at 6:30 by Beth Plas, President. 16 members were in attendance.

Membership Report: 2025 membership is at 98 members.

February minutes were read and approved. There were no March minutes since we offered the Dorothy Fuldheim program.

No correspondence.

Treasurer Report: March 1 beginning balance was \$9206.66 and ending balance on April 1 was \$8547.82. The CD balance was \$20,896.03.

Book Sale Report

The May book sale will be: May 3 – May 10. Saturday morning will be reserved for Members only from 10:00-noon. The Friends will offer donuts and coffee to members (Marilyn will pick up the donuts from Alberts and the library will supply the coffee)

Public hours will be:

Saturday, May 3 Noon – 5pm

Monday (May 5), Tuesday (May 6), Thursday (May 8) 9:30am-8pm

Wednesday (May 7) 9:30am-5pm

Friday (May 9) 9:30am-6pm

Saturday, May 10 9:30am-noon

The new yard signs were given out.

The Garden Cart was brought in for the raffle and is on display in the Library. Tickets will be sold at the circulation desk now through the booksale and winner will be drawn on May 10. Marilyn will be sure there are tickets at the desk.

The committee will be sorting books on April 21 (1pm-3pm). Phil commented that at this time we have fewer books than in the past.

Darlene Lyon will send the sign up sheet to membership looking for volunteer workers.

Marilyn will look into accepting Zelle as a payment method.

Sale advertisement will be submitted for April 21 edition of Rural Urban.

Rita has the library signage handled.

Director Report

Adele was in attendance. The North Eaton branch grand opening had 29 in attendance. Parking has been lined and a drop box. In addition to books, cds, etc., there are two computers for patrons to use. Hours are Monday 11am-7pm and Wednesday/Friday 10am-5pm. Adele is working with the church next door to offer programs in their community area. Yoga has started

and they are hoping to add a Senior Day with a meal being provided through the Church's community grant. The Church charges \$25 for the use of their room.

Adele mentioned that the library building plans have been put on hold based on priority needs of the schools for a new high school. The Trustees will continue to explore other potential space options to buy or lease.

Adele suggested the Friends might want to do a summary annual report to distribute to the community as a communication of what we do, where our funds come from, and where the money goes.

Trustee Report

No Trustees were in attendance. Phil attended the February meeting where discussion was held regarding the North Eaton branch, the Charlie Cart usage, staff training, and the possibility of a lease vehicle to be used for the Outreach Program.

Old Business

The March Dorothy Fuldheim program was well attended with over 30 guests.

The office of Vice President remains open since Kathy Hyle has stepped down.

Maltz Museum is not offering free admission for April this year, so our GMPL Express will not be headed to Beachwood.

Business

Darlene Lyon mentioned our Friends web page was still in need of updates. She will forward suggested updates to Brenda.

Kim Renuart distributed free greeting cards to be used in our "Cards for Kathy" (Hyle) campaign. Attendees took cards – we hope to let her know that her Friends at GMPL are thinking of her.

The Little Food Pantries are being used by the community. Recently one of the doors was vandalized and is being fixed. Beth mentioned that Second Harvest reports their donations are down for the year which may result in a reduction of what we can obtain from Our Lady Queen of Peace. We are requesting donations from our membership, which can be placed directly into the pantries or dropped off at the City Hall across the street M-F 8am-4:30pm.

The Friends need to let the library know if they want the lobby showcase for October (National Friends month). Anyone interested in doing that should contact Beth.

There will be no business meeting in May and November due to the book sales.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 3 at 6:30pm in the library Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Jalowiec, Secretary