



September 23, 2025 FDDL Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attendees: Bud Haynes, Amy Jerome, Tempie Stahlin, Mary Tobin, Kevin Vrsek, Cortney Ophoff

Welcome to Guests: Tisa Boatright, Ben True, Linda Mobley, Jennifer France, Patrice Luther

Meeting minutes from June 24, 2025 approved.

Meeting agenda – Mary proposed we give area reports first, then cover new business. All agreed.

Guest remarks: None.

Director's Report: Paul absent.

Ongoing Business and Reports:

Treasurer Mary Tobin provided June, July, and August financial reports. Also,

June: Renewed CDs for 6 months

July: Filed annual corporate report of purpose and officers; Renewed solicitation permit with Michigan Attorney General's office

Aug: Opened Amazon business account; Ordered book aging dot stickers; Created book sale signage folder and November and December sale flyers in Google Drive; Laminated bag sale flyers for future use

Sept: Drafted book sale/board meeting dates

Oct: Will apply for 2026 sign permit with City of Dexter; Will order 2026 bookmarks

Kevin led the report out on the August book sale that brought in ~\$2500. Kevin is working diligently to find someone or somewhere to take excess stock. Kevin coordinated with a local Unitarian church that took a few boxes after the August sale with plans to distribute to prisoners. Kevin also contacted the Ann Arbor VA hospital, but not accepting book donations at this time. Bookstock is an option, but costly in volunteer time and expenditure. Imlay City is starting a Friends group and book sales, so Kevin donated a few boxes of books for their starter stock. Schuler Books in Ann Arbor will accept one bag of 35 books maximum, per person, per visit. Kevin has learned that clearing excess stock is a county-wide issue for many other Friends groups. Short term, Kevin will continue funneling books to the Imlay City Friends. Kevin will contact "Consult-a-friend" at Friends of Michigan Libraries regarding immediate excess book options and a long-term solution

Clean up of the Friends room closet is underway with much progress! We have a punch bowl, because shouldn't everyone.

Mary reported on the need to clear up the book bag sales and refill policy at book sales. Current signage explains one fill with purchase, with sales at subsequent book sales being per book. Unwritten policy was if people brought back empty bag, they could refill it for \$15 – they could

have another bag if they wanted it. Mary created new language and sign that will outline updated policy – she'll email to the board for approval in time for the October sale and will make new signs to display.

Membership Chair Amy Jerome reported there were 4 new memberships in August, and 3 new memberships so far in September.

Volunteer Coordinator Tempie Stahlin reported that all shifts for the October and November book sales are filled – and filled up quickly. Board members will need to fill book sale coordinator shifts for October and November sales. Tempie will email board members for sign up.

Publicity Chair Bud Haynes wrote various articles about Cortney's departure from the book sale coordinator role. The articles appeared in the Dexter Sun Times paper and online editions. Bud also took some great photos at Big Truck Day and submitted photos of volunteers in action for the library newsletter and the Sun Times.

The last item of ongoing business was approval of dates for the 2026 book sales and Friends meeting dates. Since April 4 is Easter weekend, Mary moved to have the sale moved to April 11. Kevin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Board meeting dates had no conflicts. Mary moved to accept dates as presented, Kevin seconded. All in favor.

2026 Book Sales

Jan 3

Feb 7

Mar 7

Apr 11

May 2

Jun 6

No book sale in July

Aug 7 & 8 Dexter Festival Sale – Date of festival confirmed by Kim

No book sale in Sept

Oct 3

Nov 7

Dec 5

2026 FDDL Board Meetings

Jan 27

Feb 24

Mar 24

Apr 28

No meeting in May

Jun 23

July 28 (if needed)

No meeting in Aug

Sept 22

Oct 27

No meeting in Nov

Dec 1 (annual meeting)

New Business:

Book sale coordinator(s): We reviewed the approach of splitting the single book sale coordinator role into three roles. Cortney warned against having multiple coordinators who only cover some book sales – absence over many months may cause issues upon return.

Proposed split of the roles:

- Book Sale Coordinator – responsible for set up on Friday and sale on Saturday
- Sorting Coordinator – responsible for training of new sorters, answering sorters’ questions, available for one-off questions throughout the week, possibly bring back quarterly sorter training/check in.
- “Community Liaison” (working title) – responsible for coordinating drop off/pick up of excess stock

Short term solution – board members will cover book sale coordination; Cortney will continue as book sorter coordinator (with back up from Patrice and Ben) until we find someone to step in; Cortney will talk with Jennifer France about new role to clear excess stock.

The next regular public meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Jerome, Membership Chair

