



**Annual Meeting, June 18, 2011,  
Ferndale Public Library conference rooms.**

**Present:** Darlene Hellenberg, Kelly Farrah, Bridget Deegan-Krause, Kevin Deegan-Krause, Angela Thompson, Kevin Yezbick, Beth O'Connor, Jim O'Donnell, and Joanne Scharich.

**President's Report:** Kevin Yezbick presented annual recap report which may be found at <http://ferndalefriends.org>

**Board Liaison Report:** Jim O'Donnell reported that the Library Board made an offer to Kate Pohjola and it was verbally accepted. She is to start Aug. 1. Pohjola is director of the Lapeer Public Library and she has ties to the Berkley and Hazel Park libraries, and friends in Ferndale.

**Election of Officers:** Kevin Deegan-Krause noted the need for a quorum of 27 people to have officer elections and that this was not present. He discussed having mass membership/meet the director meeting when director is here. He noted that according to the bylaws if we try for two meetings and do not get the quorum, we can vote as the Friends Board to reduce the quorum. He also noted that the Friends Board could accept resignations of officers and then appoint others to those offices. Kevin Yezbick noted that he had received resignations from Don DeCenzo, Jeannie Davis and Matt Nowaczok. Kevin Yezbick, Kevin Deegan-Krause and Kelly Farrah also expressed a desire to resign from their respective positions.

**Filling of Resignations:** Kevin Yezbick noted the presence of a quorum of the Friends Board.  
Motion: To appoint Angela Thompson as head of bookstore committee. Accepted unanimously.  
Motion: To appoint Kelly Farrah as treasurer. Accepted unanimously.  
Motion: To appoint Cassie Sweetwich as membership chair. Accepted unanimously.  
Motion: To appoint Kevin Yezbeck as vice president. Accepted unanimously.  
Motion: To appoint Kevin Deegan-Krause as president. Accepted unanimously.

**Planning for the Future.** Kevin Deegan-Krause and Kevin Yezbeck lead a discussion on the next year of priorities for the friends including the following topics:

- Bookstore was the success of the year. Discussed having volunteer applications in the Friends bookstore and promotion at events, and having a sign over the door.
- Membership renewal is technically July 1, raising questions about how to get people renewed? Membership card stickers also discussed.
- "Bookstore Bucks" -- Kevin Yezbick will design them and have them laminated to prevent copying. Would be given as part of membership.
- Secretary -- would be authorized to post minutes to blog. Also secretary handles all communications according to bylaws.
- Vice President -- Only required to meet four times/year; have set up calendar target dates during last meetings and should stick to those quarterly dates.
- Programming: "Prom" date set tentatively for September 24 at Library conference room. Need prom committee. Have bartenders and a DJ (probably playing 80s music). Priced at maybe \$30/ticket. Have to decide where funds are going to. Looking for prom committee volunteers w/meeting at end of this month. May also do a Halloween costume exchange in October.
- Kevin Deegan-Krause: Friends are competing with other civic groups in Ferndale and drawing from the same groups of people for their time and attention; keep that in mind.
- Jim O'Donnell: The library board will need help from the Friends with advocacy, and to work with other Friends groups in the area to know about penal fines funding libraries.

Meeting concluded at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Scharich, Secretary, Friends of the Ferndale Library