

**FRIENDS OF DELAWARE LIBRARIES MINUTES FEBUARY 13, 2023**

**Present: Kay, Wheatly Sue Gooden, Mary Chute, Michelle Hughes, Gerry Konzelmann, Theo Loppatto, Tiffany, Adara Scholl and Maribeth Dockety**

**Introductions of guests: Michelle Hughes, Mary Chute and Maribeth Dockety.**

**I. Presentation:**

**Michelle Hughes, DDL/DLA presented that John Chrastka from EveryLibrary has been working on an EveryLibrary donations, advocacy, membership public webpage that would be dedicated to Delaware for about a year and a half. Hands on Blog Articles could be additional feature part of this venture. This opportunity has been discussed with the Delaware Division of Libraries and the Delaware Library Association. Both organizations suggested that this project might be a better for the Friends of Delaware Libraries as our group's focus is not on library professionals nor on providing direct services to patrons of the libraries.**

**The group revisited our FODL Mission and discussed this EveryLibrary FODL Donation page in length. The group determined that it would benefit from meeting with John Chrastka to learn additional details of the proposed project, in part to assess the amount of activity that be required on the part of FODL to achieve success. Michelle will outreach to John to see if he can attend the DL March 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting. The group asked that John bring to the meeting a "List of specific required responsibilities" to add clarity to our discussion on March 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**II. Minutes Approval - The Minutes from the Annual Friends of Delaware Libraries Meeting, November 14, 2022, were approved with no corrections.**

**III. Treasurer's Report – Report unavailable, tabled till the next meeting, March 13, 2023.**

#### **IV. Old Business**

- **Annual Meeting:**

**There was question around how many of the attendees filled out the FODL Membership Form. Additionally, board members were interested in learning if any of the attendees completed the questionnaire. Maribeth Dockety remarked that the questions presented to the attendees were good and that there answers would assist in the Strategic Planning process.**

- **Strategic Plan Timeline:**

**The content of the Proposed Strategic that Maribeth Dockety, Workforce Today, presented on October 4, 2022 was reviewed. Guest Mary Coates viewed the plan and received a copy of the proposal.**

**With the option of a full day or 2 half days, a decision was made for 2 half days with scheduling in the afternoon. The first session would be 4 hours, scheduled from 1 to 5 pm. The second session would be 3 hours, scheduled from 1 to 4 pm.**

**The dates being considered for the first session are April 4, April 5 or May 17<sup>th</sup>. The second session would be scheduled four (4) weeks later.**

**The location for these work sessions would be the Dover Library Conference Room in which held our last Annual Meeting. In addition to the FODL Board Members it was decided to add additional members to the sessions. To have a representative from each of the Friends Groups in the state would be prohibitive. A decision was to invite a Friends Group representative from each county, Dr. Annie Norman, State Librarian, Rachel Carver, and Alta Porterfield, DDL Statewide Social Innovator.**

**An article that might be of interest, Out&About Greater Wilmington's "The Future of Libraries", December 2022. <https://outandabouthow.com/the-future-of-libraries/>**

- **Committees now or wait for Strategic Planning?: Members had an extensive discussion on the topic of committees, in addition to revisiting the optional size for board of directors. Maribeth assisted in this discussion with the group**

concluding that the formation of committees as an outcome of the Strategic Planning Sessions was a preferred path.

#### **V. New Business:**

- **Do More 24** – Michelle Hughes outlined this program, noting that the deadline for groups to participate in this EveryLibrary initiative is 2/15/23. She noted that the project had received a \$2,500 matching grant focused only on Library initiatives.
- **Dues** – there was a discussion that a dues notice needed to be sent out for this year. It was noted that Gwen Elliott had sent out a Friends of Delaware Libraries Membership Renewal email on 10/14/22.
- **Trifold FODL Brochure:** It was noted that this tool does not include the website address. How many printed brochures does the group currently have. Do we print a new batch with the website address, or if we have a volume of brochures can we neatly add a label that identifies the our website?
- **Delaware / Maryland Library Association Auction Baskets:** Theo reviewed the history of this project with the group, this year's recommendations and ideas. The group decided to provide one basket at the \$200 or less price. Theo offered to purchase the basket items, personal items related to the love of libraries (scarf, notepads, etc.

#### **VI. Next Meeting:**

The group confirmed the next meeting will be on March 13, 2023 1 – 3pm meeting at the Dover Library.

**V11. Meeting adjourned around 3:15 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted by Gerry Konzelmann, FODL Board Member**