

BELLAIRE PUBLIC LIBRARY
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AT: 111 SOUTH BRIDGE STREET, BELLAIRE, MI
Date: July 19, 2024
MINUTES

TRUSTEES ATTENDING: Mary Edens, Don Hirt, Sue Holtzmann, Lee Kerr, Sydney Luke and Director Tom Shilts.

TRUSTEE EXCUSED ABSENCE: Diane Bennett

CALL TO ORDER: President Edens called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Kerr, second by Holtzmann to approve the agenda. Ayes: Edens, Hirt, Holtzmann, Kerr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Kerr, second by Luke to approve the regular June meeting minutes of the Board. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Holtzmann to delay vote on financial report until August meeting due to missing information in the reports, second by Kerr. Ayes: Edens, Hirt, Holtzmann, Kerr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Highlights from Director Shilts include slight decrease in usage because of change in calculating online presence and small dip in circulation for June.

- Programs:
 - Summer "Adventure" program did very well with 199 participants collectively across multiple events.
 - Movie Monday attendance has been modest. Next summer we'll have "Rainy" Movie Monday.
 - Summer Reading Program is strong with more than 75 participants.
 - Upcoming events/programs include: Food Tectonics, "Teen Hangout Thursdays," Summer Reading Program wrap-up, July 24. "Nature Rangers" in August, a canning presentation with MSU staff in September, and local author event on October 3.
- Grants: Director Shilts conducted informational session at Senior Center about availability of items purchased through Libraries Transforming Communities Accessibility grant.
- Other:
 - Exploring partnership with local homeschool group for library services.
 - Library booth planned for Antrim Co. Fair on July 27.
 - MLA Support Staff of the Year nomination submitted.
 - Box of library books taken to Antrim County Jail in June
 - Looking for board support in installing organizational items in library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Policy Committee: Mary presented the United for Libraries Ethics Statement for board review.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Worked with Cadillac Tech Geek to set up secure wi-fi with content filtering, clean browsing, etc. due to torrenting complaint. Wi-fi can now only be accessed from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Little Free Library in Emma's Way is almost ready thanks to team at Uniquely North.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Received notification of Friends of the Library dissolution from LARA.
- New Fall programs: see librarian's report.

GRANTS, MEMORIALS & DONATIONS: None.

UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

- Notification of September 20 budget hearing needs to go in Antrim Review at least two weeks in advance.
- MML annual gathering is coming up in September.
- Library charging tables can charge e-bikes!

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: None.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Motion Holtzmann, second by Kerr to adjourn meeting at 11:31 p.m.
Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: August 16, 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Sydney Luke, Trustee

Approved

6/21/24