

BELLAIRE PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AT: FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP HALL, BELLAIRE, MI
Date: November 15, 2024
MINUTES

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

TRUSTEE EXCUSED ABSENCE: none

CALL TO ORDER: President Edens called the meeting to order at 10:58 am

PUBLIC COMMENTS: MMLA representative complements Bellaire Public Library on library policies.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion by Luke, second by Kerr to postpone the approval of regular October meeting minutes of the Board until next month. Motion carried.**

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial Report for October 2024 was presented. As of October 31, 2024 there is \$101,883.36 in checking with additional accounts we have total assets of \$465,294.66. Adding current Liabilities and Equity there was a total of \$480,294.66. **Motion by Luke, second by Holtzmann to accept the October financial report. Motion carried.**

LMCU's new CD for seven months at 4.3% will be terminated on 6/14/25. Updated report will be reflected next month at the December meeting.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Highlights from Director Shilts include large increase in usage because of attendance for several recent programs and including calculating online presence and Programs:

- Well attended programs “Beyond Pumpkin Spice”, “Bad Treaties and Broken Promises”, Fleda Brown’s Writers workshop, Family Literacy with Martina Hahn.
- Weekly programs include Preschool Storytime with Miss Diane, Spanish Speaking Cohort and Tech Tuesdays with Gabe.
- Monthly programs include Book Clubs: Page Turners, Nature Book Club, Last Tuesday Book Club.
- “The Lake Huron Mermaid” will take place on November 22 at 2:00 at Forest Home Township Hall
- **Grants:** Submitted \$400 and applied \$450 grants in the works with contacts coming in the future.
- **Other:**
 - Consider implementing a lease book plan in 2025.
 - Friends of the Library promotion and silent auction in the works.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Finance Committee: no meeting

- Policy Committee: Meeting planned for Friday, December 6th. Discussion and review of our Book selection and Reconsideration Policy. Invitation to include former board members who initiated current policy to attend. **Motion by Bennett, second by Kerr to act on the presented policy revisions at the next regular meeting in December.**

OLD BUSINESS: Bert's Excavating bid for snow removal reviewed as accepted by the board at the last meeting on October 18th.

CORRESPONDENCE:none

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Changed meeting date for December on 13th.**
- **Board Absences policy reviewed.**
- **Officer slate for 2025 needs to be compiled to be voted on next meeting.**
- **Director's Evaluation by Board members due by December 13th.**

GRANTS, MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

- **Motion by Holtzmann second by Kerr to accept Michael Henningan \$50 donation. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Luke second by Kerr to accept the in kind donation from Bellaire Hardware for parking lot drain repair. Motion carried.**

UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

Review and keep in notice House Bill 6035 "District Library Freedom to Read Act"

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: none

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: **Motion Bennett, second by Holtzmann to adjourn meeting at 12:09 am. Motion carried.**

NEXT MEETING:December 13, 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Bennett, Secretary

Approved

12/13/24