

IRONWOOD CARNEGIE LIBRARY MINUTES

Regular Library Board Meeting

4pm Tuesday, August 15 2023

Held at the Ironwood Memorial Building Auditorium

- I. **Call to order. 4:00. Attending-** Kim Corcoran, Helen Slining, Amber Hurkmans, Pam Johnson, Lynne Wiercinski. **Absent-** Wendy Hicks, Kathi Maciejewski, and Wiatt LaBo
- II. **Approval of June Financial Reports-** Not available
- III. **Approval of July Financial Reports-** Not available
- IV. **Approval of July Minutes-** Pam Johnson moved, Helen Slining seconded, all approved.
- V. **Adjustments to the Agenda-** After c. Programming, add d. Wage Increases
- VI. **Unfinished/Continuing Business**
 - a. **Building Updates**
 1. **Firewall/Access Points-**Lynne stated that we are going to proceed with getting this very important work done. We got a huge discount, saving us 60-75%.
 - b. **Grants/Fundraising**
 1. **Community Center Grant-** Lynne is working on this Grant with an 8/31 due date. We were encouraged to submit the grant application with a site plan. A motion was made Amber Hurkmans to accept the contract in the amount of \$2800. Helen Slining seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Amber Hurkmans, Helen /Slining and Pam Johnson voted Yes. Motion carried. Lynne will approach the City Commission for approval at their next meeting as the library building is owned by the city.
 2. **Michigan Read Grant-** Lynne stated that we applied and received \$750. The Library is working with LVD and send some 4th graders to Watersmeet to spend a day learning Ojibwe culture. Ironwood Carnegie has been chosen as a site for an author visit by Angeline Boulley, author of Firekeeper's Daughter. We will work with LVD to bring their students here for the event which will be held at GCC's Lindquist Center, with GCC being a Michigan Read partner. Ironwood will be 1 of 10 stops in Michigan. The date of the visit is still being finalized.
 - c. **Township Contract-**Lynne told the board has spoken with Jay Kangas, Ironwood Township Supervisor, and confirmed that the township's contract for library services will be up for renewal next year with new contract service time beginning 7/1/24.
 - d. **Programming-** Summer programming ended and went very well. There was great attendance. Lynne will have numbers of readers for the board next month.
 - e. **Wage Increases-** Lynne asked the board to review the wording and the board's intent on timing for wage increases last month. Wage increases will be effective July 1, 2023 raising Ken Wegmeyer, Catherine Parisienne, Marianne Andresen, and Kathy Kafczynski to \$11.00 per hour and Lynne Wiercinski to \$20.00 per hour were clarified. Amber Hurkmans moved, Helen Slining seconded, and all approved. A roll call vote was taken. Amber Hurkmans, Helen Slining and Pam Johnson voted Yes. Motion carried.
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. **Penal Fines-** Penal fines are \$18,000, down from our estimate of \$20,000 for the year.

- b. **DIDA Seat-** The DIDA requested that Lynne or a member of the Library Board serve on the DIDA. There is a meeting once a month and Lynne will take the seat and keep the board informed to make certain she has the time to serve effectively on that board.
- c. **Generative AI with Michigan Tech-** We are happy to participate in Michigan Tech's pilot project, with a goal of assisting older adults with technology questions. 5 libraries were selected to participate in the initial phase of compiling data regarding the number and type of questions staff and patrons have on the use of technology.
- d. **Access for attorney building-** The Attorney's building next to the library, needs access through our property for electrical work and will reach out to the City for approval.
- e. **Health Resource Fair-** August 23 at the Civic Center. Lynne will have a table with information on the ALA grant and serving older adults.

VIII. Director Report - Lynne reported that the Library was represented at the Gogebic County Fair by Lynne, Amber and the Friends of the Library.

IX. Board Comments- None

X. Public invitation to be heard- None

(5-minute limitation per speaker)

XI. Adjournment.4:38. Amber Hurkmans moved, Pam Johnson seconded, all approved.

Amber Hurkmans

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