

IRONWOOD CARNEGIE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

4:00 pm, Tuesday, 15 Apr 2025

- I. **Call to Order – 4:00** Lynne Wiercinski, Helen Slining, Pam Johnson, Kathi Maciejewski, Wendy Hicks.
Absent - Amber Hurkmans, Kim Corcoran, Wyatt LaBo.
- II. **Approval of February Financial Reports** – Wendy Hicks moved, Helen Slining seconded, all approved.
- III. **Approval of March Financial Reports** – Kathi Maciejewski moved, Wendy Hicks seconded, all approved.
- IV. **Approval of March Meeting Minutes** – Pam Johnson moved, Helen Slining seconded, all approved.
- V. **Adjustments to the Agenda** – none
- VI. **Unfinished/Continuing Business** –
Programming -
 - a. **Middle School Book Club** – Miah Billie (Student volunteer) ran the meeting with 8 students attending. All went well. The second meeting will be in 2 weeks.
 - b. **7th and 8th grade Reading Intervention Class** - Heather Higgins (LLW teacher) is working with Lynne to set up her students for visit and library cards. Students are very excited.
 - c. **Summer Reading** – The SRP may be somewhat downgraded this year because of the building project. There will still be the Young Innovators group, the Discovery Center visits. The Superiorland Cooperative grants is available and Lynne will be applying for it.

Grants/Fundraising –

- a. **AARP – Update** – no word yet, should be decided the beginning of May.
- b. **Random House/United for Libraries Update** – We did not get.
- c. **Mary Thompson foundation** – Lynne submitted request for \$30,000 for the non-fiction room. The grant is to adapt part of the room to accommodate older adults, including flooring, lighting, etc.
- d. **Richter grant** – Lynne sat in on a discussion for the grant which is for older adults.
- e. **Alzheimer Support Group** – The group is interested in working with the library.
- f. **Patronicity Grant** – The state approved the charitable donation license application. The MEDC application is done and sent in. Marie Peterson and Lynne will be meeting with a representative from the MEDC.
- g. **Book Sale** – The Friends book sale will be on May 10 with setup during the day on the 8th. Bookmarks were also discussed as a possible sale item. Any volunteer help is welcomed.

Building Project Update –

Builders meeting on 16 April. Lynne will ask the city commission for a \$10,000 donation toward the building project. Erwin Twsp is indicating a donation of \$2000, and we are anticipating donations from the Kiwanis and possibly the Rotary. The Fire Station dispensary and the ADK teacher sorority have also expressed interest in contributing.

The trees and ramp are gone, they were supposed to do more work this week.

WLUC wants to do a follow up when work begins.

There is a lot of interest and good response to the building project.

Lynne received an email from the grant administrator that reinforced the need for all grantees to be prepared for oversight and audits.

IMLS and NEH Funding Updates –

Lynne has taken part in meetings and communications about the cuts to the budgets of IMLS and NEH. MeLCat and databases, as well as programs like the Great Michigan Read and its author visits are some of the resources at risk.

VII. New Business –

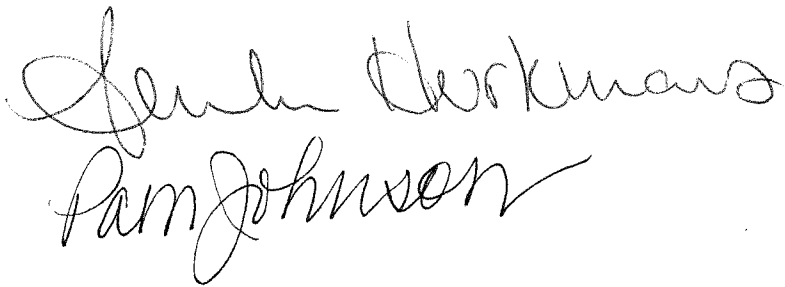
- a. **Awkward Stage Drama Club** – The club has filed and now has their own Tax Exempt Number and is working on their Bylaws. They will be their own 501c3 group. The library holds their revenue and may need to continue that for the short term due to accounting legalities.
- b. **Superiorland Coop** – Dylan Geshel, SLC director, has submitted his resignation and the search for a new director will begin soon.
- c. **2025-2026 Budget** – Move to postpone approval until next meeting when Amber Hurkmans will be present. Kathi Maciejewski will be absent but gives her approval. Kathi Maciejewski moved, Wendy Hicks seconded, all approved.

VIII Directors Report – none

IX Board Comments – none

X Public comment - none

XI Adjournment – 4:56 Pam Johnson motioned, Kathi Maciejewski seconded, all approved.



Two handwritten signatures are visible. The top signature is 'Amber Hurkmans' and the bottom signature is 'Pam Johnson'.