

IRONWOOD CARNEGIE LIBRARY MINUTES

Regular Library Board Meeting

August 17, 2021 4:00 PM Ironwood Memorial Building

I. Call to Order: 4:05 p.m.

Attending—Helen Slining, Lynne Wiercinski, Amber Hurkmans, Wendy Hicks, Kim Corcoran

Absent—Kathi Maciejewski, Pam Johnson

II. Approval of May Financial Reports (including bills): Amber motioned. Helen seconded. All approved.

III. Approval of June Financial Reports: Wendy motioned. Amber seconded. All approved.

IV. Approval of July Financial Reports: We do not have these for review today.

V. Approval of June Meeting Minutes (No July Meeting): No June minutes available for review today.

VI. Adjustments to the Agenda: No adjustments.

VII. Continuing/Old Business

a. Phased re-opening status: State & MiOSHA rescinded orders. We must keep this Library an OSHA safe work place, though, so we have the attached procedure: Ironwood Carnegie Library Mitigation and Response Procedure. This will provide a safe work place for staff. Amber motioned. Helen seconded. Motion carried. We are still wiping books, but no quarantine. No indoor programming yet. Masks supplied at Library.

b. ARPA and HOPE grant updates: No ARPA grant applied for. Grant ends in September. Hard to maintain any other major endeavor or project right now. We need to develop “shovel ready” projects for the future. For instance, have budget, plans in order before “dollars” requested. We need to have a “game plan.” Discuss this at the Fall Board Meeting. HOPE grant applied for: \$15,000 for Staffing & Programming. Should find out soon, if approved

c. Programming Update: Going very well. Programs have either been at the Depot Park, or in the library back yard. Excellent attendance.

VIII. New Business

a. Penal Fines: We budgeted \$15,000. Actually \$22,022.95 received. State aid didn't decrease.

b. Volunteerism: We have the National Honor Society Juniors & Seniors here. They have done data entry, and help with programming. Definitely a great help. Rose is in

twice/week. God's Work/Our Hands Group will help with projects on 9/12/21, such as back porch painting, weeding, etc...Lynne will have a list ready. The library may close one day for cleaning.

c. Circulation & Program Statistics: July Stats (26% last year; 71% this year). August Stats (71% circulation). There is a slight increase in digital reading. We need to think about what we can do to improve outreach, and build up website. 111 were registered for summer reading. About 58% finished. We will have more "numbers" in next week.

d. Digital Resources Update: Digital overdrive will not be as available. Push "Libby" now.

IX. Director's Report: Dillon was hired from the Portage Lake Library as the new director for the Superiorland Cooperative. Excellent choice. Farmer's Market attendance (at our Library Table) has been down. Continue to provide programming and/or book sales throughout August.

X. Board Comments: None

XI. Public Invitation to Be Heard: No public in attendance tonight.

XII. Adjournment: 4:42 p.m. Amber motioned. Wendy seconded. All agreed.