

IRONWOOD CARNEGIE LIBRARY MINUTES

Regular Library Board Meeting
4pm Tuesday, December 21, 2021

- I. **Call to order.** 4:00 pm; Present- Lynne Wiercinski, Wendy Hicks, Amber Hurkmans, Pam Johnson, Helen Slining, Kim Corcoran. Absent- Kathi Maciejewski
- II. **Approval of November Financial Reports (including bills):** Pam moved, Helen seconded, passed unanimously.
- III. **Approval of November Meeting Minutes:** Pam moved, Helen seconded, passed unanimously.
- IV. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None
- V. **Continuing/old Business**
 - a. **Phased Reopening Status/Covid Mitigation:** We are still holding our own. There was 1 incident with a staff member but we followed the Health Dept. direction. The library's mask policy remains the same.
 - b. **Building/Maintenance Updates:** Joe Saari will continue to do our snow removal this winter.
 - c. **Grants/fundraising:** Lynne mailed the Annual Appeal letter and we are getting a good response. Memorial donations for Michelle Miller, Jane Kennedy, Marilyn Butsen, and Sonny Fredrickson continue to come in.
 - d. **Statistics:** Library circulation is about 83% of pre-Covid numbers.
 - e. **District Library Meeting:** Paul Linn, Lynne, and two of our Library Board Members attended the meeting hosted by Bessemer. General conversation on district libraries with no specific numbers regarding costs for service, etc. Individual library revenue/budgets, decreased penal fines, and support from several of the cities' general funds to their libraries was discussed. We do not receive general fund support to our library budget. Following this meeting, Bessemer has requested a second discussion with Ironwood regarding this issue.
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. **Foster Swift rate increase:** Pam moved, Helen seconded, passed unanimously.
 - b. **Kanopy subscription purchase:** Kanopy is an online streaming service. Superiorland got a discount for members at a rate of just \$1300-\$1400/year. Kanopy offers thousands of movies and we will limit check out to 5 per month. Friends of the Library will pay for the first year. Anyone with a library card will be able to access Kanopy.
 - c. **Board member appointment:** Wendy Hicks has reapplied and will be appointed at the City Commission Meeting in January.
 - d. **Student Board member appointment:** Wyatt LaBo has indicated he is interested. The position will be posted and promoted with appointment made in January.
 - e. **Rules of the Board:** Pam moved, Wendy seconded, passed unanimously.
 - f. **2022 Calendar:** Amber moved, Helen seconded, passed unanimously.
- VII. **Director Report:** The Jack Frost Parade went well. It worked very well to serve cookies and cider outside. The ROTC students in the library were all very respectful and polite. The Writing Group started in November and is off to a good start. The group will take a break in December and start up again in January. We were made aware of a Native American book author from the U.P. We will look into possibly doing a book talk via Zoom. The State Aid Report is due February 1st.
- VIII. **Board Comments:** Kim Corcoran expressed her appreciation for our Library Board.

IX. Public invitation to be heard. None
(5-minute limitation per speaker)

X. Adjournment. 5:08 pm; Amber moved, Wendy seconded, passed unanimously.