

IRONWOOD CARNEGIE LIBRARY MINUTES

Regular Library Board Meeting

Ironwood Memorial Building Auditorium

4:00 15 Feb 2022

- I. **Call to order. 4:00.** Attending –Lynne Wiercinski, Helen Slining, Amber Hurkmans, Kathi Maciejewski, Pam Johnson, Wendy Hicks, Kim Corcoran and Wiatt Labo.
- II. **Approval of Jan financial reports (including bills).** Moved by Kathi Maciejewski, seconded by Pam Johnson, all approved.
- III. **Approval of Dec Meeting Minutes** – Moved by Pam Johnson, seconded by Wendy Hicks; all approved.
- IV. **Adjustments to the Agenda.** – none
- V. **Introduction of New Student Board Member-** Wiatt Labo, 8th grader at LLW.
- VI. **Continuing/Old Business** –
 - a. **Phased reopening status/Covid mitigation** Nothing much has changed, things are going well.
 - b. **Building/Maintenance updates** – We continue to have Joe Saari doing snow removal and Dusty Boggs is helping out (volunteering). The city has cleaned up the large banks and pushed back the snow for easier clearing.
 - c. **Grants/Fundraising** – We received a grant from the Library of Michigan for the Hotspot Pilot Program. The receivers will be set up with required filters and ready to go when we receive them. We will circulate with tablets/ laptops once they arrive.
We have also a LSTA grant application to be submitted for summer programs. Lynne is working on some ideas.
 - d. **Board Member Appointment** – Wendy has been reappointed.
 - e. **Election of officers for 2022** – President – Amber Hurkmans, VP – Wendy Hicks, Sec. – Kathi Maciejewski, moved by Helen Slining, seconded by Pam Johnson, all approved.
 - f. **Student Board Member Bylaw Review** – Review to be voted on at March meeting.
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. **Open Meeting Act Update** – As of 1-1-22, remote meetings by public boards are no longer allowed, with limited exceptions. MLA continues to lobby for There is talk of an adjustment to the one meeting rules to allow for Zoom for rural (distant) libraries.
 - b. **Penal fine/Civil Fine Clarification** - Lynne distributed info on clarification of the difference between civil and penal fines.
 - c. **Vacation time carry over** – Lynne asked for a carryover of her vacation time. Amber Hurkmans moved, Helen Slining seconded, all approved.
 - d. **MEDC Grant** –

1. Lynne discussed budget and usable library income available for cash match with Paul Linn.
2. Lynne discussed potential for use of covid emergency relief funds to be considered for cash/match for MEDC grant with Scott Erickson. At this time, no decisions have been made and city will be conducting future workshops to discuss potential use of funds. This decision will not be made prior to the grant submission deadline.
3. There may be potential to request a loan through the city for assistance with the cash match by a proposal/petition to the city commission.
4. Friends of the Library may also be a potential source for assistance with a cash match.
5. Voted: Helen Slining motioned; seconded by Pam Johnson: The Ironwood Carnegie Library will submit a \$1 million proposal for a renovation project for the library. Roll call vote. All opposed. Motion is lost.
6. Voted: Amber Hurkmans motioned; seconded by Helen Slining: The Ironwood Carnegie Library will submit grant proposal for a renovation project for the library for an amount less than the \$1 million cap. Roll call vote. In favor: Amber Hurkmans and Kathi Maciejewski; Opposed: Pam Johnson, Helen Slining, Wendy Hicks. Motion is lost.
Discussion followed to create building and capital campaign groups to address Building needs.

VII. Director Report – Tentatively the second weekend of May will be the FOL book sale. The Friends group is still book donations only if books are newer and in excellent condition.

VIII. Board Comments – none

IX. Public invitation to be heard – none

X. Adjournment – **5:40**. Amber Hurkmans motioned, Kathi Maciejewski seconded, all agreed.