

Ironwood Carnegie Library Minutes

Regular Library Board Meeting

20 Feb 2024 4 pm

- I. **Call to order. 4:01. Attending** – Kathi Maciejewski, Lynne Wiercinski, Pam Johnson, Helen Slining, Amber Hurkmans, Bukkit Paul. Absent - Kim Corcoran, Wendy Hicks, Wyatt LaBo.
- II. **Introduction of New Student Board Member** - Welcome Bukkit Paul.
- III. **Approval of Dec financial reports (including bills).** Pam Johnson motioned, Helen Slining seconded, all approved.
- IV. **Approval of Jan financial reports** - None
- V. **Approval of Jan Special Meeting Minutes.** Removed, was done at Jan meeting.
- VI. **Approval of January minutes** - Pam Johnson motioned, Helen Slining seconded, all approved.
- VII. **Adjustments to the Agenda.** Removal of Jan Special Meeting approval.
- VIII. **Unfinished/Continuing Business**
 - a. **Building updates** – The bathroom is moving ahead, painting and drywall are done, flooring will be done the end of this week. Subcontractors, plumbing and electrical will be in next week. The door is on order.
 - b. **Grants & Fundraising (Community Center Grant under new business)** -
 1. A grant is available from AARP "Quick grants", Lynne will submit for new furniture outside. The Grant applications are due in March.
 2. Banfield Grant applications are due in April and will be for Programming.
 3. Lynne will be checking on House Appropriation funds availability.
 4. Library of Michigan Grants for Summer Reading Program will soon be available, Lynne will request for Science kits similar to last year's kits.
 5. LSTA Grants will also be available, will be requested for Literacy skills for adults. Lynne will be checking into all these grants and decide which she will be able to apply for.
 - c. **Community Survey** - 2 Library Science students from U of M will be doing a survey for the library, Lynne asks for those interested from the board and the community to respond. Some interest has been expressed from the community so far. The surveys will be conducted by phone or Zoom and will last about an hour.
 - d. **Programming** –
 1. The author, Angeline Bouley, will be speaking on Thurs., 25 April at the GCC Lindquist Center. The program is sponsored by Ironwood Carnegie Library, Wakefield Public Library and GCC. Lynne has been in contact with area schools, many have shown interest. Any in the community are invited.
 2. As part of Great Read grant, Ironwood 4th graders were supposed to make participate in making maple syrup this spring at Lac View Desert but due to early tapping the lesson was cancelled. Lynne is looking to do something different with them.
 3. Another Big Read event will take place Thurs, 28 Mar at 6:00 pm with a showing of Warrior Lawyers (lawyers of Native American culture) at GCC. The showing may also be

available to stream in homes.

4. Book clubs for the Big Read (Ironwood and Wakefield) will possibly join for the event.

5. The Health and Wellness for Seniors series provided by a grant from ALA is going well.

The 2 programs that have been held so far have been well attended. The next program will be on Medicare and will be presented by Kendra Williams. There will also be a Asahi, Finnish exercise program by Naomi Kauppi being held in the near future.

6. Lynne is working with Westgate and Pioneer Park to revive monthly visits to each of the locations. A laptop will be taken with to help with circulation and information.

7. The library along with Birch Please will be holding a craft session for Caregivers and their family members as part of the ALA Transforming Communities Grant.

8. Lynne was contacted regarding after school programming and will talk with 4H about young authors programming.

9. Lynne is looking for local funding for a Storywalk in the warmer weather. The Storywalk runs about \$700 - \$800.

IX. **New Business**

a. Community Center Grant - We are all thrilled and overwhelmed at receiving the grant, though not as much as we hoped for, it is still a wonderful opportunity.

Amber Hurkmans motioned that we accept the designated award of \$750,000 for the grant, Helen Slining seconded, roll call was made, all approved.

Lynne met with Paul Anderson and Jerry Vuorenmaa of WUPDR to discuss grant details and administration requirements. Project management will also need to be considered. Grant specifics will need to be modified and decisions made as to how to do that. We are waiting to hear from the state about the specifics and when it will be announced.

b. Vacation hour carry over - Lynne asked if it would be possible to carry over 2 weeks into the next fiscal year, retroactive to 28 Jan 2024. Kathi Maciejewski motioned, Helen Slining seconded, all approved


c. ALA contract – Lynne has signed a contract with Amanda Clark for 120 hours of work at \$17/hr concerning handouts, media blasts, a Senior page on our website as well as other promotional work.

X. **Directors report** - Things have been busy with the programming and the work being done on the new restroom. Sally and Chris (two volunteers) have been doing a lot of cleaning from the dust and debris from the construction work. Pam Johnson has been in volunteering and learning the circulation system, Kathi Maciejewski is next for training.

XI. **Board Comments** – none.

XII. **Public Comments** – Bukkit Paul inquired about the grant award and any ideas on what to spend it on.

XIII. **Adjournment** – 4:50 Amber Hurkmans motioned, Pam Johnson seconded, all approved


Amber Hurkmans
Kathryn M Maciejewski