

IRONWOOD CARNEGIE LIBRARY MINUTES

Regular Library Board Meeting

June 15th, 2021 4:00pm Ironwood Memorial Building

- I. **Call to order. 4:00.** Attending –Lynn Wiercinski, Wendy Hicks, Amber Hurkmans, Kathi Maciejewski, Pam Johnson, Kim Corcoran. Absent - Helen Slining.
- II. **Approval of May financial reports (including bills).** None.
- III. **Approval of May Minutes.** Pam motioned, Wendy seconded. All approved.
- IV. **Adjustments to the Agenda.** - none
- V. **Continuing/Old Business –**
 - a. **Phased reopening status.** All is going well per the handout. We are not 100% open – we still have limitations and masking. We are seeing more people all the time.
 - b. **Township contracts –** Erwin Twsp : approved 3 year contract with library. New contract sent.
Ironwood Twsp – Lynne attended the meeting; vote was 2-4. Township opted to use Bessemer for the next 3 years. Bessemer requested no contract cost other than required penal fines.
 - c. **RIDES cost update –** There will be no raise in rates. There is a committee formed to discuss how to make it more equal across the state.
 - d. **Programming update –** The summer reading program began on Tuesday and the sign up is the best ever, there are 72 signed up so far. All Saints is working to do a mini SRP with the older kids. Kathy started programming today during the summer hot lunch program; numbers are lower than last year. Kathy will also be there for the Farmers Market.
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. **Copier Contract –** We have a new contract and a new machine that will cost less by about \$40/mth. We will have wireless printing available.
 - b. **Library representation on Superiorland Cooperative board –** Patti Jahn is our rep on Superiorland and is willing to stay on board. There is discussion to allow library board members and/or staff to be serve on his board. Lynne wants to make sure that the board feels comfortable with current procedure of allowing appointed rep to continue when term is up. Agreed that Patti should remain the rep, and will reassess the procedure next year. Amber motioned, Kathi seconded, all approved.
 - c. **Upcoming Grant Opportunities:**
 - a. **Humanities Council HOPE grants – 2nd round –** Coming through for wages, staffing and programming. Lynne is going to apply for this grant – no cash match is needed.
 - b. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grants (2) –** This grant is for equipment.. There are 2 separate pots – The first is for equipments 25000 – 250,000

through the Library of Michigan or kiosks, lockers and to provide safe services.

The second grant is a capacity grant to apply through the cooperative and are for support for PPE, digital supply, fencing, etc for up to \$2 million.

VII. Director Report – Previous discussions.

VIII. Board Comments – none

IX. Public invitation to be heard – none

X. Adjournment – 5:10. Kathi motioned, Amber seconded, all agreed.