

IRONWOOD CARNEGIE LIBRARY MINUTES

Regular Library Board Meeting

4pm Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Ironwood Memorial Building Auditorium

- I. **Call to order. 4:05 PM** Attending- Wendy Hicks, Amber Hurkmans, Helen Slining, Pam Johnson, Lynne Wiercinski, Kim Corcoran. Absent- Kathi Maciejewski, Wyatt LaBo
- II. **Approval of January Financial Reports-** Pam Johnson motioned, Helen Slining seconded, all approved.
- III. **Approval of February Financial Reports –** Wendy Hicks motioned, Pam Johnson seconded, all approved.
- IV. **Approval of January Minutes (no Feb. minutes/no meeting)-** Pam Johnson motioned, Helen Slining seconded, all approved.
- V. **Approval of March Special Meeting Minutes-** Pam Johnson motioned, Wendy Hicks seconded, all approved.
- VI. **Adjustments to the Agenda-** None
- VII. **Unfinished/Continuing Business**
 - a. **Building Updates-** Action floors will repair the floors the last week of April at no charge. Lynne will look at having the small shed roof shoveled again.
 - b. **Bylaw Change Vote-** Amber Hurkmans motioned, Helen Slining seconded, all approved
 - c. **Grants/Fundraising-** Lynne is applying for the ALA Grant- \$20,000 for community programs, senior services, and an ADA accessible bathroom. The Access to Information Competitive grant could layer with senior services. Lynne also applied for the Congressionally Directed Spending appropriation after our Special Meeting on March 9th. Lynne will use mini grant money towards an author visit for the Michigan Notable Book author visit and apply for Great MI Read book , “The Firekeeper’s Daughter” author visit.
 - d. **Future Programming Updates –** We will partner with Emberlight Festival to get story teller/narrative consultant Jen Strauss here to do a Performance Infusion and will do a story walk for Emberlight. We will also be partnering with GCC for a STEM Science Projects Summer Camp during our summer reading program. GCC Workforce Development and library are discussing help remedial reading and writing programs at library so those in need of help can enter the job force.
 - e. **Community Survey Update-** If U of M School of Information decides to assist us, the survey will be done in the fall. Lynne’s visit to the Ashland Library reinforced that a survey is necessary to determine the needs of our community.
 - f. **TIF Update-** There is a public hearing on 3/27 and we have 60 days from that date to make a decision.
- VIII. **New Business**
 - a. **School Millage Focus Group-** Information will be presented at the City Commission Mtg. and is being shared on social media.
 - b. **Picture donation-** Lynne was approached about the donation of a large 4x6 painting of downtown Ironwood. The library does not have the proper space for the painting. The Ironwood Historical

Society will take it, but a suggestion was made to approach the City of Ironwood and see if the painting could be displayed at the Memorial Building where there is ample space.

c. **MLA Membership-** Lynne is recommending we consider MLA membership at \$300-\$500 annually.

IX. Director Report- Lynne is busy working on the budget.

X. Board Comments- None

XI. Public invitation to be heard.- None

(5-minute limitation per speaker)

XII. Adjournment- 4:53- Amber Hurkmans motioned, Helen Slining seconded, all approved