

IRONWOOD CARNEGIE LIBRARY MINUTES

Regular Library Board Meeting

4:00 18 May 20021

- I. **Call to order. 4:03.** Attending – Helen Slining, Kathi Maciejewski, Lynn Wiercinski, Wendy Hicks, Amber Hurkmans, Pam Johnson Absent - Kim Corcoran.
- II. **Approval of April financial reports (including bills).** Kathi motioned, Pam seconded. All approved.
- III. **Approval of Apr Minutes.** Pam motioned, Helen seconded. All approved.
- IV. **Adjustments to the Agenda.** - none
- V. **Continuing/Old Business**
 - a. **Phased reopening status.** The library is still going by MIOSHA standards so masks are still needed. We are about 56% of May 2019.
 - b. **Township contracts**

Erwin Twsp – Lynne spoke to Supervisor Larry Grimsby and will write a letter and present it to the twsp. Grimsby stated the township had already approved the amount for the contract (\$1000) and that the roll over contract (as it currently reads) continues to seem acceptable.

Ironwood Twsp – Lynne has a meeting with Jay Kangas on May 20th to discuss the proposed contract. The proposed contract will be the same as last year’s proposal, with a suggestion that if they decide to go with another library, the twsp may consider covering a percentage of the cost of the non-resident card for residents wanting to come to the Ironwood library.
 - c. **Building and Maintenance Updates** – Lynne contacted four painters –2 responded. Mark Luczak returned a bid offering to do the job as a donation, with the library covering the cost of paint and a boom truck to assist with height.
 - d. **Sustainable Book Shelves/FOL update**

FOL met and tentatively set a book sale date of 24-25 of Sept. FOL also paid for a table throughtout the summer at the Depot Park. FOL will be selling used books on some Fridays and the library will be doing some Make and Takes for children on alternate Fridays. FOL may also be doing some small book sales at the library throughout the year. FOL has many great volunteers.
 - e. **Programming/Staffing** – Kathy Kafczynski is planning activities for the library to do for summer programming at the Depot during the summer hot lunch program and Farmer’s Market. A Storywalk and Birch Bark House book talk with students will be a part of the Emberlight Festival in July and August.
- VIII. **New Business**
 - a. **RIDES Increase** – The cost of RIDES has gone up \$80. UP libraries pay 25 – 30% more for this service than the LP. There will be a meeting with RIDES soon and hopefully do some negotiating for lower prices.
 - b. **Newspaper Archives** – the company we had hired to create the Ironwood Carnegie Newspaper Archive, along with the Ironwood Daily Globe., was sold.

They now will charge for the site and no longer will call in the Ironwood Carnegie Archives. The cost will be \$584/year. Lynne spoke with the publisher at the Ironwood Daily Globe who indicated they may be willing to assist with covering the cost. Will continue to look into options

- c. **Banfield Grant** – We received \$1000.
- d. **Wage discussion** – Kathy Kafczynski: will receive a wage increase to \$10 per hour as of 7/1/21. Lynne Wiercinski: currently at \$15/hr; increased in 21/22 budget to \$17/hr; board discussion determined an increase to \$18/hr effective 1 July. Wage adjustments voted: Kathi motioned, Wendy seconded, all approved. Staffing – as the needs of the library and our services change, the need to train or hire staff to assist with technology needs, website development, etc. will continue to be evaluated.

Director Report – The Library of MI will be receiving some of the federal COVID support dollars and will be determining how these monies will be distributed to Michigan libraries.

Cheryl Jacisin is talking to the Ironwood National Honor Society to attempt to get some library volunteers.

VI. Board Comments – none

VII. Public invitation to be heard – none

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