

IRONWOOD CARNEGIE LIBRARY MINUTES

Regular Library Board Meeting

4pm Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Meeting held at Ironwood Memorial Building

- I. **Call to order.** Attending- Lynne Wiercinski, Helen Slining, Wendy Hicks
Absent- Amber Hurkmans, Kim Corcoran, Kathi Maciejewski
- II. **Approval of October Financial Reports (including bills):** Pam moved, Helen seconded, passed Unanimously.
- III. **Approval of October Meeting Minutes:** Pam moved, Helen seconded, passed unanimously.
- IV. **Adjustments to the Agenda :** None
- V. **Continuing/old Business**
 - a. **Phased Reopening Status/Covid Mitigation:** After a meeting with Library of MI, we are bound by MIOSHA. The library is continuing to add programming for adults but not children. (indoors) The Children's Resource room is not open yet.
 - b. **Building/Maintenance updates:** We will be switching to Four Seasons for snow removal at a rate of \$1100 for the winter. Lynne has been trying to get a bill for lawn care.
 - c. **Grants/ Fundraising:** Lynne is getting ready for the Annual Appeal. The library received a Memorial from Marilyn Butsen that will target children's programming.
 - d. **Statistics:** The library is holding at about 80% of pre-Covid. October '19 was 1761, October '20-1098, and October'21-1416.
 - e. **Volunteer Fair review:** The setup of the fair was amazing, with about 30 organizations represented. It was great to see all of the organizations mingling and talking to each other.
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. **Board position and upcoming election of officers:** Wendy Hicks' position is coming up after December and will be posted. Election of officers will take place in January.
 - b. **Library/School Partnership:** Lynne spoke with principal Melissa Nigh about SORA, which provides students with a free membership to Overdrive through the library. The school registers for SORA and then library gives access to our online resources. We hope this will be set up by the New Year. Circulation stats will be included in library reports but no student names will be given to library
 - c. **Book Selection Policy:** Lynne has worked on the policy for the past several months, using other libraries and the ALA as resources. A motion was made to accept the Book Selection Policy. Helen moved, Wendy seconded, passed unanimously.
 - d. **Jack Frost:** The Jack Frost Festival is going ahead. On 12/4, Lynne has proposed that the ROTC can gather inside the library, along with registration for the Santa Dash. There will be a table outside for the Open House with cookies and hot cider. People will be needed to work, rotating inside and outside
 - e. **District Library-Meeting:** On 11/29 at 5:00 pm, the City Commission and Library Board will meet for a workshop. Library of Michigan will present virtually, providing information on district libraries and answering questions. On 12/9 at 10:00 am, all of the local cities and townships have been invited to a meeting to discuss the formation of a District Library.
 - f. **Staff Gratuities:** All staff will receive \$50 for Christmas, as allotted in the '20-'21 budget. Pam moved, Wendy seconded, passed unanimously.
- VII. **Director Report**
- VIII. **Board Comments:** None
- IX. **Public invitation to be heard.**
(5-minute limitation per speaker)
- X. **Adjournment.** 5:04 pm

