

IRONWOOD CARNEGIE LIBRARY MINUTES

Regular Library Board Meeting

4pm Tuesday, October 20

- I. **Call to order.4:02** Attending-Amber Hurkmans, Helen Slining, Wendy Hicks, Lynne Wiercinski, and Pam Johnson. Absent- Kim Corcoran, Kathi Maciejewski
- II. **Approval of August Financial Reports (including bills):** Pam moved, Helen seconded. Passed unanimously.
- III. **Approval of September Financial Reports (including bills):** Pam moved, Amber seconded. Passed unanimously.
- IV. **Approval of September minutes:** Helen moved, Wendy seconded. Passed unanimously.
- V. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None
- VI. **Continuing/old Business**
 - a. **Phased reopening update including MDHHS Emergency Order:** There is some confusion, but the recommendation is to continue what we have been doing. UP Libraries and Library of MI have been meeting every week. UP is still in Phase 5. We are still closed Wednesdays and will modify phased plan to indicate. Amber moved, Wendy seconded, and all agreed with the amendment to hours.
 - b. **State aid/budget updates:** Great news! MI budget increased State Aid by \$1 million, thus we should see an increase. Half of State Aid goes to Superiorland. Penal fine amount is still not known. Lynne is starting to work on the Annual Appeal.
 - c. **Staffing/contracting:** Currently scheduling about 20 staff hours/ week which has been fine. Lynne will watch and update as needed. Janitorial is currently about 2 hours/week but Lynne is looking at possibly ending.
 - d. **Grant updates:** Lynne is putting together packets for classrooms to go with the YouTube video of Tom Pease, funded by the Humanities Grant. The Census Grant is done. Lynne has a Webinar coming up for the Humanities Read Grant for \$10-\$20,000. They are planning to have in 2021 and there will be a book with a month of activities to coincide.
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. **Superiorland Cooperative:** Superiorland is having trouble keeping a tech person and it is very hard to get help. Our libraries cannot afford to have their own thus need the tech service we are paying for. Lynne is now on the UPRLC Board with meetings 6 times a year.
 - b. **First Friday/Jack Frost participation:** Library is not doing an Open House but will do a Story Walk like in the past. There will tentatively be a parade, but nothing inside the library.
 - c. **Promotion/Messaging:** Lynne spent \$60 to do an online Rural Library Conference last month. There was a segment on promotion/ messaging. Lynne bought the book and for \$100, our Board can have access to the program to help us present our self. We will look into it more this winter.
 - d. **Ploud:** This was approved in the past. In November, we will get the website and the training will begin to build the website. It will probably take until spring to roll out the new website.
- VIII. **Director Report:** The mobile library is all set to get books rolled out to schools and daycares. Some days at the library have been busy but some days not. Even though not as much traffic, there is a lot more cleaning, sanitizing, etc. work to do with COVID.

IX. Board Comments: None

X. Public invitation to be heard: None
(5-minute limitation per speaker)

XI. Adjournment: - 5:50