

IRONWOOD CARNEGIE LIBRARY MINUTES

Regular Library Board Meeting

4:00 19 Oct 2021

- I. **Call to order. 4:02.** Attending –Lynn Wiercinski, Wendy Hicks, Amber Hurkmans, Kathi Maciejewski, Pam Johnson, Kim Corcoran. Absent : Helen Slining.
- II. **Approval of Sept financial reports (including bills).** Moved by Pam, seconded by Wendy, all approved.
- III. **Approval of Sept Meeting Minutes** – Moved by Pam, seconded by Amber, all approved.
- IV. **Adjustments to the Agenda.** - none
- V. **Continuing/Old Business** –
 - a. **Phased reopening status/Covid mitigation** In house masking is encouraged. Kathy has started going back into the schools. The Poetry Group is back to meeting at the library. November 4 is the kickoff of National Novel Writing Month and Amanda Clark is going to work with a new fiction writing group at the Memorial Building; the program will also be live streamed. Children’s programming (inside) is still on hold for now.
 - b. **Building/Maintenance updates** – The outside painting is done, all the windows are painted and caulked. The total cost is \$1135. The building was not washed due to worry of causing more damage. All looks good, some rotted boards were replaced.
Floors (fiction and nonfiction area) have been stripped and waxed; look nice but will soon need to be replaced. Lynne will talk to the Friends group fundraising to cover expense. The Front staircase also needs to be repaired/tuck pointing done this coming year.
Lynne did not hear back from snow removal company; may try to call again but at this point contract with Saari is in place.
 - c. **Grants/Fundraising** – We are getting quite a few memorials from the Fredrickson and Miller funerals, the money is going to purchase new books. The Friends of the Library will meet tomorrow they will be making decisions on book sale possibilities.
The local teacher sorority has discussed with Lynne about a possible donation to the Awkward Stage Drama Club. The ASDC is meeting again at the Richards building across from the Uptown Café and practicing for an upcoming production.
 - d. **Statistics** – Our attendance has gone up 40% from Sept 2020 to Sept 2021, we are 80% of Sept 2019. We were very busy the first week of October.
- VI. **Newspaper Archives** – Sue from the Daily Globe had originally offered to pay for the subscription that now was being required to access the Newspaper Archive in the future. After researching the origins of our online site, she has learned that our situation is unique to the company and at this time they are leaving us as a branded site with no changes/charges for us.

VII. New Business

- a. **Server** – Our current server is older and not in the best of shape and is being watched carefully by the Techs from Superiorland, Cooperative. Replacement is being delayed as the cooperative is looking at a new server system that will encompass all of the libraries so holding off until then would be beneficial. They have backed up files in case it does go down prior to this happening.
- b. **Marketing/Branding** – The HOPE grant will help to get our website updated. Lynne has met with Tim Erickson and others to give Lynne some assistance. Tim is a good resource for information on branding, marketing, etc. but will not actually do the website.
- c. **Snow Removal** – Joe Saari is upping the cost of snow removal from \$35 to \$40. The city uses 4 Seasons, Lynne will call and check on it.
- d. **Capital Improvement Plan** – Lynne suggested that we need to start looking for some ideas for shovel ready projects such as a lift for the basement from the steps into the basement. Lynne will be putting together a committee in the new year to begin working on ideas.
Lynne will be at the volunteer fair and is looking at some specific “positions” for volunteers.

VII. District Libraries – Lynne gave some websites to learn about district libraries as this discussion has been put forth here locally

VIII. Director Report – Monday, 25 Oct there is an Understanding Grief workshop webinar.

The Diversity and Inclusion Group is meeting on 28 Oct at 6 pm.

IX. Board Comments – none

X. Public invitation to be heard – none

XI. Adjournment – 4:44. Amber motioned, Pam seconded, all agreed.