

## IRONWOOD CARNEGIE LIBRARY MINUTES

Regular Library Board Meeting

4:00 21 Sept 20021

- I. **Call to order. 4:00.** Attending –Lynn Wiercinski, Wendy Hicks, Amber Hurkmans, Kathi Maciejewski, Pam Johnson, Helen Slining, Kim Corcoran.
- II. **Approval of August financial reports (including bills).**
- III. **Approval of June Minutes**
- IV. **Approval of August Meeting Minutes (no July meeting) –** Moved by Wendy, Seconded by Amber, all approved.
- V. **Adjustments to the Agenda.** - none
- VI. **Continuing/Old Business –**
  - a. **Phased reopening status/Covid Mitigation**
    - We are continuing with the same hours and no in house children’s programs-summer programming took place outdoors. There may be some adult programs coming up.
    - Recommendation from Western UP District Health following call from Lynne re: traveling: Any employees that travel should quarantine for 5 days; testing suggested. If no symptoms return to work with masking. Lynne will review with health dept. every two months or more often as appropriate.
    - Assess every 2 months with the health department. Written into mitigation and response procedure.Motioned by Amber seconded by Kathi, all approved.  
Encouraging wearing of masks for everyone.
  - b. **HOPE grant updates –** We have received a HOPE grant of \$8720 for 10 hours of staffing/week, 130 hours of tech support to finish website, etc. some community development and \$1440 to get some promotion out.  
We also received a Humanities grant to do Michigan Reads – Women from the Copper Country  
Ironwood Twp. – Lynne has attended the meeting and the vote was 2 – 4 to keep contract with Bessemer for 3 years.
  - c. **Building updates –** They will start painting on 22 Sept, donated by Luczak Painting. The paint will be purchased by the library from Stieger’s; we are hoping for the donation of the boom truck. Luczak will also wash the building. The 4<sup>th</sup> of October the Fic and NF room floors are being waxed.
  - d. **Statistics –** Last August circulation stats were at 56% of 2019.  
As of 9/2021 we are 70% of Pre COVID. (2019) We are on target with most other libraries.  
The SRP of 129 registered, 55 finished.
  - e. **Newspaper archives –** Lynne met with Sue at the Daily Globe and they are working out the details for open access for the website.

- f. **Digital magazine subscription** – Superiorland is covering the subscriptions for all members for this year.
- VI. **New Business**
  - a. **Sculpture donation** – We have been asked if we are interested in the donation of a very tall book sculpture and have declined because the piece is too big for in the library.
  - b. **Book sale** – Due to the insurgence of the COVID, The Friends group has cancelled the sale. They will decide if a future sale or one of a smaller scale may take place before winter.
  - c. **Snow Removal** – Joe Saari has increased the cost of snow removal from \$35 to \$40 per “shovel.” Kim suggested we see if Four Seasons can give us a quote and Lynne will do so before next meeting.
  - 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 outstep to the basement. She is looking for any other ideas by the October meeting. Lynne will be putting together a committee to come up with ideas for the coming year.
- VII. **Director Report** – The Plan of Service will be up for vote on 23 Sept at the Superiorland meeting. The Conference has gone virtual.  
**Big Read** – American Sunrise – The library has the books if needed
- VIII. **Board Comments – none**
- IX. **Public invitation to be heard – none**
- X. **Adjournment – 5:00.** Amber motioned, Pam seconded, all agreed.