

## IRONWOOD CARNEGIE LIBRARY MINUTES

Regular Library Board Meeting

Ironwood Memorial Building Auditorium

4:00 15 Nov 2022

- I. **Call to order. 4:01 Attending** – Amber Hurkmans, Helen Slining, Kathi Maciejewski, Lynn Wiercinski, Pam Johnson, Wiatt LaBo. Absent – Wendy Hicks, Kim Corcoran.
- II. **Approval of Oct financial reports (including bills).** None presented.
- III. **Approval of Oct Minutes.** Amber motioned, Pam seconded, all agreed.
- IV. **Adjustments to the Agenda.** None.
- V. **Unfinished/Continuing Business**
  - a. **Building updates** – Mukavitz Heating came and looked at the boiler and we will be receiving the estimate. Lynne will submit grant request to the Banfield Foundation for boiler costs.  
We will be receiving an estimate following a consult and visit by company that installed a similar system at the Historical Society Building. FOL have indicated they would help cover costs for security cameras.
  - b. **Fundraising** – The auction is up and running, some bids have come in so far. There is more promotion on the way. Auction closes on Dec 4.  
The annual appeal will be out the first or second week of December.
  - c. **Programming updates** – Lynne is looking at the grant for the National Endowment’s Big Read.
  - d. **Building** – Lynne has been part of a group that IAS has created to look at the future use of the Josephson’s Building which was purchased by IAS. Options for library space/collaboration/partnerships are being explored.  
Lynne is going to visit with director at the Ashland Vaughn Library about their upcoming remodeling project.
  - e. **TIF Update** – No new info.
- VI. **New Business** –
  - a. **Community survey** – We have created a community based survey and have also been made aware of the possibility of U of M’s School of Information working with us to create and conduct one as a class project. Board agreed to have Lynne pursue this option and she will contact them for next steps.
  - b. **E Rate** – Superiorland can now apply for Category 2 erate funds and these can be used for new equipment and repairs. As we are a priority for these upgrades, we can make a soft commitment for the purchase of at an approximate 65% discount. We will not be locked into a commitment until final numbers are available. Our purchase would include a new router, wireless access points, firewall, switches and cabling.
  - c. **Board Member Term** – Pam Johnson’s board term will expire in December.

- d. **Bylaws (must be reviewed in December)** –Bylaws need to be reviewed and approved in December. We have discussed the removal of the Treasurer board position. Will revise and offer first presentation in December.

**VII. Directors Report** – The author visit went well with 25 people in attendance and received excellent reviews.

Jack Frost – The first Saturday of December and the library will serve cookies and hot cider outside. There will also be a Make and Take both Friday and Saturday and a Storywalk downtown.

Storytime and the Volunteer fair are going well.

New on call employee Mary Ann Andresen is doing very well.

**VIII. Board Comments** – none

**IX. Public invitation to be heard** – None

**X. Adjournment** 4:44. Motioned by Amber, seconded by Pam. All approved.