

IRONWOOD CARNEGIE LIBRARY MINUTES

Regular Library Board Meeting

4:00 15 Mar 2021

Ironwood Memorial Building

- I. **Call to order. 4:00.** Attending –Lynne Wiercinski, Amber Hurkmans, Kathi Maciejewski, Pam Johnson, Wendy Hicks, Kim Corcoran and Wiatt Labo. Absent - Helen Slining.
- II. **Approval of Feb financial reports (including bills).** Not received, moved to April.
- III. **Approval of Feb Meeting Minutes** – Moved by Pam, seconded by Wendy, all approved.
- IV. **Adjustments to the Agenda.** – none
- V. **Continuing/Old Business** –
 - a. **Student Board Member Bylaw Approval** –Change to Board Rules. Moved by Kathi Maciejewski , seconded by Pam Johnson, all approved.
 - b. **Grants/Fundraising** –\$85,000 in AARPA funding received from the Michigan Consortium to purchase nonfiction books for Great Lakes Digital Library. Superiorland Cooperative will be choosing selections in April. LSTA grant submitted \$2,500. Lynne is looking at a grant for \$2,500 through Arts Midwest for and artist/performer.
 - c. **MEDC grant follow up** – Lynne sat in on the webinar. The grant may be available again next year. Other opportunities may also be that requires a higher cash match. Lynne will attend a 4-part webinar on millages. Lynne and Amber met to get ideas on a building committee, some possible members include reps from the Friends, IAS, library patrons, business community, and diversity group.
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. **State Aid** – \$2,000,000 added State Budget for library services .487980 per capita. New decreased census numbers will also be used.
 - b. **22/23 Budget discussion** - Lynne is working on budget including staffing, etc. and will work with Paul to create final draft. The budget will be presented and voted on at the April meeting.
 - c. **Program Updates** –
 - Lynne met with IAS principal, librarian and teachers regarding improvements to school library.
 - Great Michigan Read-Women of the Copper Country will be used by IAS teacher Ted Sim as part of his history class. Author will be here for in person visit (Cold Iron) on April 28.
 - Lynne applied for the MI 2022 Notable Books author’s tour and was accepted,
 - John Smolen, author of Day of Days will be at the library on May 24.
 - Beth Rondeau (author) will present at June Diversity and Inclusion Book Talk.

- Shanelle Sanders from the Ottawa National Forest will conduct story times based on books she has suggested/kits they have available as part of the SRP.
- The Alzheimer's group has programs scheduled for Mar 28 and Apr 25.
- The Drama Club will be performing at the Golden Dragon next week.
- April is Poetry Month and plans to begin the Young Authors group along with other online activities are being made.
- Writing Group to resume in May

VII. Director Report –

The paper will have an article on history of library on Mar 15.
Lynne is on the UPRLC Fall Conference Planning Committee.
Lynne will be visiting new librarians at Wakefield Library tomorrow.

VIII. Public invitation to be heard – none

IX. Adjournment – 4:40. Amber motioned, Pam seconded, all agreed.

Kathryn M Macyszewski
Amber Burkman