Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library

Board Minutes February 17, 2022

Present: Elyse Bertucci, Stacie Nardi, and Brooke Routhier. Jesse Shirtz, Library Director was present. City Council (not in attendance/Elizabeth Firby). Absent: Darren Boldt, Paul Olson. Public: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM.

Motion by Stacie Nardi seconded by Elyse Bertucci, to approve the January 27, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Public Participation: None

Librarian's Report: Jesse Shirtz, Library Director, presented the monthly library report for January. The library was closed for COVID for nearly a full year from March 14, 2020 through March 2, 2021. Library hours were extended as of May 4, 2021.

Circulation: Increased in January as did attendance. Return on Investment for the library circulation was provided.

Calendar of events: Take and Makes are being done weekly. Valentine's day events were successful (lava cakes). Teen and Tween Book Clubs continue to meet via Zoom.

Budget report: Presented with invoice copies. We are still waiting for funding assignment for the cost of the elevator, boiler cost, and now AC repairs as all were unbudgeted. 2021 invoices have all been received.

Friends of the library: No update this month. Decision has been made to become a 501C nonprofit at their December meeting. Their next meeting will be in March.

Sustainable Shelves: Weeded or donated book service (total credit so far is $157.89).

Beanstack: Information on accounts and activities was provided. The program allows for various tools to assess participants. The March theme is IditaRead for the Iditarod. Beanstack provides reading goals for individuals for milestones such as before kindergarten or graduation.

COVID-19: no updates at this time.

Communications: none

Unfinished Business:

- District Library/Library Cooperatives has selected a new Director which could allow for discussion of district libraries and township contracts to resume. No update this month.
- Children's room redesign: Rethinking Libraries provided a proposal for services. Additional proposals will be requested. The Friends of the Library has agreed to cover up to $15,000 for the renovation plan.
- The door counters arrived today. Manual counts are still being done until they are installed and programmed. The new counters will provide by a breakdown of traffic by hour.
- The Friends of the Library started discussions for an endowment. The first step would be establishing an appropriate status for the group such as an incorporated nonprofit which has been initiated. Community funds would provide 4.5% of the endowment annually. No update this month.
- Adult outreach. City news letter or Facebook page would be options. Bookmarks for Libby could be distributed.
- Senior Center facility library book check out option request. Discussions are on going within the library staff on options. No update this month.

- Donation letter request – an annual letter that can be tie to a highlight time such as 4th of July. The letter could also be available at the desk when the summer programming increases attendance. Suggest noting it is an "annual request". No update this month.
- The request to increase wages for part time library employees was approved, increasing them to $14/hour.
- In person programming was discussed. The goal is to return to in person youth programming as soon as possible with the covid conditions. A motion was made by Elyse Bertucci and seconded by Stacie Nardi to allow limited in person 10 years and up programs following the Library's pandemic reopening addendum. Motion passed.

New Business: None

Public Participation: None

Next meeting is March 17, 2022 7:00PM in person at the Library.

A motion was made by Elyse Bertucci and seconded by Brooke Routhier at 7:50 PM to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brooke Routhier