

Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library

Board Minutes April 21, 2022

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Motion by Elyse Bertucci seconded by Stacie Nardi, to approve the March 17, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Public Participation: Kelsey Boldt (librarian) regarding the letter to the board regarding the Library Covid-19 protocol. Nicole Johnson, library employee, in support of the barriers at the desks and information that area libraries are still using plexiglass barriers.

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

Circulation: Increased in March as did attendance. More material is available for download checkouts through the cooperative. Computer use also increased in March. Unique Management continues to recover material.

Calendar of events: Take and Makes are being done weekly. Teen and Tween Book Clubs continue to meet via Zoom.

Budget report: Presented with invoice copies. The library posted time elapse videos of the incoming new books. Space for new books is one of the considerations for weeding the library collection.

Friends of the library: The decision to become a 501c3 nonprofit was made at the April meeting. A donation of was made to the library for the summer reading program.

Sustainable Shelves: A total of 2,176 books have been sent to the service (total credit so far is \$220.55). This program was trialed for a year. Options for using this on a more permanent option were discussed.

Beanstack: Information on accounts and activities was provided. The April theme is "Spring into Reading". May's focus is on Asian American literature.

Communications: none

Unfinished Business:

- COVID-19: Marquette county community level is "low" risk. There was a discussion on the Plexiglas barriers at the counter.
- In person programming was discussed which is following the Pandemic Reopening Plan.
- Pandemic Reopening Plan – Addendum. A motion was made by Elyse Bertucci and seconded by Brooke Routhier to keep the plexiglass barriers in place. Motion failed to pass. A motion was made by Brooke Routhier and seconded by Darren Boldt to add "the front desk" additions to the Level 2 and Level 3 sections as highlighted in yellow on the draft. Motion passed.
- 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. No updates this month.

- The Friends of the Library started discussions for an endowment. They are moving forward with becoming a nonprofit.
- Adult outreach. City news letter or Facebook page would be options. Bookmarks for Libby could be distributed. No update this month.
- 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 – A draft Independence Day donation letter was provided. The letter could also be available at the desk when the summer programming increases attendance. No update this month.

New Business:

Public Participation: None

Next meeting is May 19, 2022 7:00PM in person at the Library.

A motion was made by Elyse Bertucci and seconded by Darren Boldt at 9:07 PM to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brooke Routhier