Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library

Board Minutes May 19, 2022

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

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM.

Motion by Elyse Bertucci seconded by Stacie Nardi, to approve the April 21, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Public Participation: None.

Librarian's Report: Jesse Shirtz, Library Director, presented the monthly library report for April. The attendance number for March 2022 was revised to 2,024.

- Circulation: Decreased in April as did attendance. More material is available for download checkouts through the cooperative. Computer use information is not available for April at this time. Unique Management continues to recover material.
- Calendar of events: A draft summer reading events was provided. The book club is reading "We Kept our Towns Going" by Phyllis Michael Wong about the Gossard.
- 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 501C nonprofit was made at the April meeting. A president was elected at the past meeting (Congratulations Stacie!). The Friends of the Library used book sale will be held in July along with the 4th of July activities.
- Sustainable Shelves: A total of 2,457 books have been sent to the service (total credit so far is $255.53). This program was trialed for a year. Options for using this on a more a permanent option were discussed.
- Beanstack: Information on accounts and activities was provided. The May's focus is on Asian American literature. June is focusing on Pride.
- COVID-19: Marquette county community level is "medium" risk.

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. No updates this month.
- 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 – An updated draft Independence Day donation letter will be provided at the June meeting. The letter will be mailed and also be available at the desk when the summer programming increases attendance.

New Business:

- Review of the Library Bylaws was requested by Brooke Routhier to be added to upcoming agendas with a goal of updating them. Last revision was 2011.
- June meeting agenda should include the Board officer election.

Public Participation: None

Next meeting is June 16, 2022 7:00PM in person at the Library.

A motion was made by Stacie Nardi and seconded by Elyse Bertucci at 7:47 PM to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brooke Routhier