Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library

Board Minutes February 16, 2023

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

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM.

Motion by Stacie Nardi seconded by Darren Boldt, to approve the November 17, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Public Participation: None.

Librarian's Report: Jesse Shirtz, Library Director, presented the monthly library reports for November, December, and January. Some classes were paused while transitioning and filling staffing positions. Classes have now resumed. New job descriptions have been developed. The vacated Librarian position has been filled by Nicole Johnson. Interviews are under way for the Clerk position. There were issues with some of the security cameras recently and repairs are being pursued as quickly as possible. A donation was received by the Roger Junak family that will be displayed in the Margaret Dundon reading room. "Vox" books that provide a read along audio with head phone compatibility are extremely popular. Another library cooperative has been added to the Libby app. There are now 7 cooperatives available for electronic book selection.

- Circulation: December had less open days due to weather and staff illnesses.
- Calendar of events was included. The life drawing classes are being held through March 11 event has been popular.
- Budget report: Presented with invoice copies and current budget status. The city budget report for the library was provided. Book invoices were reviewed and initialed by the library board members.
- Friends of the Library has a new name, the Association of Friends of the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library! The front desk upgrade provided by donations is underway.
- Sustainable Shelves: No new items since October. A total of 3,275 books have been sent to the service (total credit so far is $297.02).
- Beanstack: Information on accounts and activities was provided by age group. The "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program started with a donation from the Friends to provide the keepsake companion book.
- COVID-19: no update this month.

Committee Reports: None

Communications: None

Unfinished Business:

- The donation from the Tousignant family will be via a community foundation. They will be funding $500,000 over the next 5 years that will fully fund an endowment for "enhancement and enrichment." The first $50,000 donation has already been made.
- The Children's room redesign (Friends will cover up to $15,000 for the renovation plan). No update this month.
- Adult Outreach ideas are being investigated.

- The second reading of the Library Board By-Laws and Public Participation Policy were tabled.

New Business:

- Develop a list of potential "enhancement and enrichment" that would be in the spirit of the Tousignant family donation. A definition of the spirit of the donation should be developed. Some initial potential ideas:
    - Picture rail for donated art display – more items would be able to be displayed
    - Interior design assistance for the YA reading area
- Draft annual report was provided.

Public Participation: None

Next meeting is March 16, 2023 7:00PM in person at the Library.

A motion was made by Brooke Routhier and seconded Elyse Bertucci at 8:04 PM to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brooke Routhier