Ishpeming Carnegie Library Board Meeting
June 15, 2023 Minutes

Paul Olson, President called meeting to order at 7pm. Present: Elyse Bertucci, Darren Boldt, and Paul Olson. Absent and excused was Brooke Routhier. Also present: Jesse Shirtz, Library Director.

Minutes: a motion was made by Elyse Bertucci and seconded by Darren Boldt to approve the May 18, 2023. Motion carried.

Public Presentation: Kaylee Reno was introduced to the board. She has been appointed by the City Council to fill Stacey Nardi's vacancy and will take her oath of office as soon as possible.

Librarian Report: The door counter has not been replaced but the Children's room counter is still functional. Staff tracks patrons on the main floor. The Director presented April & May 2023 Circulation reports, May 2023 Township Statistics, Calendar of Events, Books Bills. The monthly and YTD Budget Reports were not available due to the resignation of the Finance Director. Financial reports will be presented at the August meeting. Increase in registrations and library card due to outreach at the Senior Center and Bell Hospital and library tour by Aspen Ridge second grade class. The Summer Reading Program had 248 children and 100 adults registered; reading can be tracked by using the traditional paper logs or by using Beanstack. This summer, 61 library programs are planned; an increase from the 38 offered last summer. The Director has not yet heard from the Tousigant's when they plan to meet with her and tour the library. The City Council has approved replacing both air conditioning units (7-8 years old) that failed at the start of warm weather.

Communications: Donations to the Summer Reading Program were presented.

Unfinished Business: A motion was made by Darren Boldt and seconded by Elyse Bertucci to approve the Reference Service Policy Review with minor changes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Elyse Bertucci and seconded by Darren Boldt to approve the Gifts and Bequests Policy Motion carried

New Business: A motion was made by Elyse Bertucci and seconded by Darren Boldt to nominate the following officers for 2023-2024 term: Paul Olson, President; Elyse Bertucci, Vice President; and Brooke Routhier, Secretary. Motion carried. Annual Donation Request Letter was presented. Discussion about changing the heading of request to Special Library Fund and if information about donating online could be included. The Director will check with the City to determine how online donations could be tracked and in what account they would be posted. A motion was made by Paul Olson and seconded by Elyse Bertucci to approve the Annual Donation Request Letter. Motion carried.

Public Participation: None.

July’s regular meeting is canceled.

Next Board meeting is August 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

A motion was made by Darren Boldt and seconded by Elyse Bertucci to adjourn at 7:47 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Elyse Bertucci