Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library

Board Minutes March 21, 2024

Present: Elyse Bertucci, Kaylee Reno, and Brooke Routhier. Jesse Shirtz, Library Director was present. Absent: Darren Boldt and Paul Olson; Public: none.

Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM.

Motion by Kaylee Reno and second by Brooke Routhier to approve the February 22, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Public Participation: none.

Librarian's Report:

Jesse Shirtz, Library Director, presented the monthly library report for February. The circulation and other service numbers were compared on a year-over-year basis for both months. A total of 38 new library cards were issued in February. More events are being conducted and are well attended with many requests to repeat events. The puzzle exchange has been very popular. The sewer odor smell issue was been resolved. The City Manager will be holding a session for city residents to meet with him here at the library. Summer reading program theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library".

- Circulation: Attendance and circulation for February was up from previous years.
- Calendar of events for April was included. Eclipse glasses are available.
- Budget report: The February budget report was presented. The impact of the decrease of $2,700 in program funding and a decrease of $4,500 in circulating items is still being evaluated.
- Book bills: Book invoices were reviewed and signed by the library board.
- Association of Friends of the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library (FOL) meeting was held and have increased their summer reading program donation.
- Sustainable Shelves: Model has been changed to exclude recycle – only books for resale will be accepted for credit.
- Beanstack: Information on accounts and activities was provided by age group.

Presentation:

Dillon Geshel, Director of Superiorland Library Cooperative presented on the legal basis for access to reading material in libraries. There have been more contentious library board meetings. This presentation was to help the Board know the legal basis for our meetings and policies. We may want to consider a Code of Conduct for Board Members. Legal precedent provides the right of individuals to access the libraries and the right to access reading material.

Committee Reports: none.

Communications:

- Multiple Summer reading program donations were received.

Unfinished Business:

- Tousignant donation: A list of potential projects was provided but is still being developed. Annual distributions no later than 2028. No update this month.
- The Children's room redesign (Friends will cover up to $15,000 for the renovation plan). No update this month.

- Future Building maintenance/upgrades for potential 5 year planning (No update this month):
    - Roof repairs.
    - heating system repairs – RFP being drafted for replacement of the steam heating system.
    - Front steps deterioration
    - Tile repair
    - Ivy growing on west wall – does it need to be removed?
    - Picture rail for donated art display – more items would be able to be displayed
    - Interior design assistance for the YA reading area
    - potential beautification of the land immediately surrounding the library
- Policy manual review, revision and updating is ongoing. The Ray Leverton Community Room Policy suggested updates are on going following a first reading last month. No update this month due to the presentation.
- A motion was made by Elyse Bertucci and seconded by Kaylee Reno to approve the 2023 Annual Report.

New Business: Public Participation: None

Next meeting is April 18, 2024 7:00 PM in person at the Library.

A motion was made by Brooke Routhier and seconded by Kaylee Reno at 8:38 PM to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brooke Routhier