

Petoskey District Library

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes April 27, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Kim Block

Present: Kim Block, Ann Ingles, Mike Atchison, Amy Janssens, Isabel Dunn, and Val Meyerson (Library Director). (Quorum requirements met)

Absent: Trevor Nelson

Agenda approved.

Minutes of regular meeting on Feb 23, 2023 approved.

Minutes of special meeting on April 6, 2023 approved.

Questions regarding bills:

- Kim asked Val about the payment to OHM and whether there will be more payments to OHM. Val explained the payment and indicated there will be more payments to OHM.
- Amy asked about the March payment to Dynanism. Val explained that the payment was related to the 3D printer.
- Ann asked about the March payment to Al Terry for \$60. Val suggested that it must be the library's share of some larger payment made to Al. Probably reimbursement for something. Val indicated that she would look into it.

The March bills were approved.

No treasurer's report because Trevor was absent.

Friends of the Library report: Cindy Zipp presented the report to the board, as highlighted below:

- The Friends are considering providing Tumblr cups for the reading program.
- They are not doing the annual October fundraiser this year due to the anticipated construction at the main library and Carnegie building.
- On June 22 there will be a book giveaway as part of the kickoff to the summer reading program.

Director's report - Val went through her monthly report, a copy of which was provided to each board member prior to the meeting.

- Val introduced Stacy Cox, who was present. Stacy is the new marketing/program manager. Stacy introduced herself to the board and gave a sketch of her background and experience.
- Val and Isabel will be attending the upcoming City Council meeting to tell them about our Student Trustee program.
- Kim asked Val about the number of events for this year's community reads programs. Val explained that the committee felt there were too many events last year and

attendance at each event suffered as a result, and that they decided to do only 1 big event with a speaker this year for that reason.

- Mike asked Val about the makeup of the Community Reads planning committee and whether there are other organizations represented. Val explained that it is made up of library staff and community members.
- Val introduced Dan Shumway, the new maintenance person. Dan introduced himself to the board.

Board Comments:

Amy expressed her appreciation for the Stories of Exile program.

Unfinished Business:

- Student Trustee process
 - Isabel commented on her experience thus far and, when asked by President Block, shared her plans for college next year.
 - Amy recused herself from the interviewing team because her son is applying for the position. Ann volunteered to join Mike on the Student Trustee interview team.

New Business:

- Val updated the board on the next step in the construction project, which is the public bid opening on May 10th.
- Val presented the amendment to the OHM contract. After some board questions were answered by Val, a motion to approve the amendment was made by Ann and seconded by Amy. Approved by vote.
- **Policy review - 3D printer:** The board discussed whether use of the 3D printer should be open to anyone with a cooperative library card or only to those with a Petoskey library card, which is the current policy. Ann moved to allow anyone with a cooperative library card to use the printer. Seconded by Kim. Approved by vote.
- **Policy review - smoking:** Val explained the various considerations regarding butts. After a spirited discussion by the board, it was decided that the policy is fine as is.
- **Policy review - social media:** Val explained the difference between posting (staff) and comments (public), which was being clarified by the proposed changes. Mike moved to accept the proposed changes. Ann seconded. Approved by vote.

Public Comments:

- Joe Hoffman asked the name of the community reads program book for this summer. Val informed him of the title and author (The Marrow Thieves, by Cherie Dimaline)

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm by Kim Block

Submitted by Mike Atchison, Secretary