

Petoskey District Library

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes June 27, 2024

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

Present: Kim Block, Ann Ingles, Mike Atchison, Amy Janssens, Brady Olson, Trevor Nelson, and Val Meyerson (Library Director). (All present). Quorum requirements met.

Agenda: Approved by consensus.

Public Comment: Holly from Resort Twp welcomed Brady Olson as the new student trustee.

Minutes from the May meeting: approved by consensus.

Approval of May bills:

- Amy asked about the American Home Technology expense. Val explained.
- Ann asked what GHD is. Val explained it is the construction company.
- Approved by consensus.

Financial Statement review:

- Trevor highlighted the budget YTD
- No questions from the board.

Friends of the Library report: Suzanne LeBeau presented on behalf of the Friends.

- The annual expanded used book sale starts July 25th in the library classroom and adjacent room.
- Suzanne shared a report with the board showing book sale revenues from 2012 - 2023.

Director's report: Val referred the board to her written report, which was provided in advance of the meeting, and highlighted the following:

- The grant money from the PHSACF will come in this month for the new equipment for the Petoskey film series (held at the Carnegie Bldg).
- Steve (maintenance) resumed work this week.
- The board will meet in the Carnegie Bldg in July.
- Val thanked the Friends for the ongoing financial support, which goes mainly to children's programs
- Staff will be marching in the July 4 parade and are looking for more marchers, especially kids. Meet on Hill St. at 5:30 pm.
- Kim asked about the Mackinac County BiblioBag program. Val explained how our staff will help them get their program started.
- Kim asked what will happen now that 75% of the students in the GRT program have graduated from the program. Val explained that the schools will fill the available slots starting in the fall and especially in January.
- Amy asked who the school representatives are for the GRT program. Val answered that the reps are Becky Smith and Sam Wilson.

Comments / Questions from Township representatives:

- Resort: Holly A. was present and commented that the Resort Twp drop box gets a lot of use.
- Bear Creek: Joe H. appreciated the recent meetings with Val and Mike A. (trustee) and would like to continue meeting occasionally.

Board Comments:

- Kim appreciates the flowers that have been planted out front. Val explained that the Petoskey Garden Club plants and takes care of those, as well as the ones at the Labyrinth.
- Amy thanked Val and the staff for all the great teen and tween programs offered this summer.
- Kim welcomed Brady Olson as the new student trustee.

Unfinished Business:

- None.

New Business:

- **General Use Policy update -**
 - Val explained how the reciprocal use library list was updated.
 - Val explained the change to the employee card holder policy: the employer must be located in the City of Petoskey or in one of the four townships.
 - Kim asked Val what the "Lucky Day" books are. Val explained the check out policy for those items.
 - Ann moved to approve the policy changes. Second by Trevor. Vote taken. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

- Joe H. (Bear Creek Twp) - Pointed out to the board that Bruce Catton, who was a well-known author and historian, has his likeness on the outside of the Carnegie Bldg.
- Garrett (Bear Creek) - asked Val about the Libby and Overdrive statistics. Val clarified and offered her theory as to why the use has increased recently. Val also explained how Hoopla and Kanopy work.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm by Kim Block

Submitted by Mike Atchison, Secretary