Minutes for

Library Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting – August 27, 2024

Main Library Room.

1. Call to Order
   1. 5:00 pm
2. Roll Call
   1. Jenny, Raylene, Ruth, Julie, Alice, Abbie, Dan (minutes).
3. Approval of Agenda (Motion to Approve)
   1. Raylene 1st. Ruth 2nd. All in Favor
4. Approval of Amended Minutes (Motion to Approve)
   1. New Business ‘section e’ with a spelling error.
   2. Raylene 1st. Ruth 2nd. All in Favor
5. Public Comment
   1. Carla, Debbie, and Rose, No comments.
   2. Jeri arrived at 5:21pm
6. Review Bills and Budget
   1. Passed during meeting. No questions.
7. Directors Report

**Youth Services –** All youth programs (Toddler Time, After School Story Hour, once monthly Saturday programs) will begin in September. Our first Saturday Program will be the first Saturday of the month and will be a stuffed animal sleepover.

**Teen Programs –** This year we will be trying more programs with teens. We have planned once a month programs for them on Mondays after school. We have reached out to Brookside Farms and Gordon Food Service for donations for those programs.

**Adult Services –** In addition to our monthly book clubs, we are also offering one adult program each month. In September, we are welcoming authors Cynthia Beach and Connie Connally to the library for an author event. One event for both authors.

**Book Sale Room –** August will be the final month of our ‘bag of books’ sale. Starting in September, we will do a paperback sale – 5 for $1.

**Newsletter Update –** Our newsletter has a new look! We have decided to do a quarterly newsletter instead of a monthly newsletter. This means that we will need to plan a few months in advance, but it also means that we will be getting the word out on our upcoming programs way in advance. We are excited to see how this goes over with our patrons and attendance at programs.

1. Old Business
   1. Budget
      1. Dan motioned to confirm the overage numbers are solid and will be appropriate in future budgets. Jenny 2nd. All in Favor.
      2. Camera discussion. The quote is higher than a comfort level. IT Nick recommended investigating ‘E-rate’ to get reduced. Jenny recommend to table any action, but continue investigations into E-rate and the township thoughts on camera systems. Raylene 2nd, All in favor.
   2. Service Contracts.
      1. Service contract received. Alice and Dan signed during the meeting.
   3. Library Proposal
      1. Could the Martin cabinet be moved to a different building? The Allegan county historical center? Township office? Dan motioned to table this discussion. Jenny 2nd. All in Favor.
      2. Alice to talk to Christy first.
   4. Summer Reading updates
      1. Numbers for 2024 at 122 registered. Compared numbers from 2010-2019. Ex. 91 registered in 2020, and 150 registered in 2010.
2. New Business
3. None
4. Updates on local meetings.
5. Martin Township, Orangeville, and Watson.
   * 1. Emailed reports to Orangeville.
     2. Emailed reports to Watson.
     3. Martin Township meeting.
        1. Glen and John are taking on the library change project. Doors will be put in to both sections. Contractors are busy at this point in the summer.
     4. Friends of the Library.
        1. Growth occurring at every meeting. No meetings in August and September. Holiday trees to be the focus when they resume meetings.
6. Board Member Comments.
   1. No comments.
7. Next Meeting: September 24th, 2024 @5pm
8. Adjournment (Motion to Adjourn)
9. Ruth 1st. Raylene 2nd. All in Favor. 5:49 pm.