

District Library Board Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2023

Members Present- Shawn Wheeler, Toni Loutzenhiser, Lauren Marion, Debbie Rickman, Erika McClintic

Guests- Library director Ruth Kulman, Shirley Wood and Mayor Julie Miller

Absent- Melanie Robison and Kelly Zielinski

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm with the pledge.

Approval of minutes- Shawn made a motion to pass the July 10th minutes, seconded by Toni. All in favor. Motion for July 10th minutes passed.

Toni made a motion to pass the July 24th special meeting minutes, seconded by Shawn. All in favor. Motion for June 24th special meeting minutes passed.

Pay the Bills- Debbie motioned to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Lauren. All in favor, motion carried to pay the bills passed.

Treasurer's Report- June 30th we had a balance of \$79,365.38. July 31st, we had a balance of \$82,788.99.

Librarians report-

- Lois Keel came and told a story. 15 kids showed up along with a few adults.
- Through a grant, the Library of MI sent us 42 new VOX Books with a value of \$1470.00
- Anne responded to our email; she has requested more information. She needs L4029 from all the municipalities, and if they have Brownfield monies taken out of the revenue.
- Book Club is asking if they could give some sort of donation. They would like a list of items they could donate. Ruth is going to give them a couple options and they can choose.
- Penal Fines and new distracted driving law: The penal fines are nothing to count on as far as revenue goes, perhaps the new distracted driving law fines will help which all goes to libraries.
- Summer reading program: 70 kids participating.
- Dog and Bear came to read to the summer school group and they had a baseball theme. She might come back in the fall for a football theme.

- Summer School: Two groups of classes, kindergarten-2nd and 3rd-6th graders come up to the library every Tuesday. They all check out books through Apollo, and participate in the summer reading program. Tomorrow is their last visit.
- Bring empty shelves up from the basement and start a book sale up in the far vault.
- Apollo Update: Library cards are continuing to be added and passed out to patrons. We have about 260 cards entered into Apollo. Mel connected our Apollo patrons with their new numbers (new number is the last 4 digits on your new library card). Ruth and Shirley are continuing to clean up the collection and add all paperbacks, they are finished with the Children and teen rooms.
- August 19th is the free electronic recycling day at Deerfield Twp from 9-12.
- Capital Project Grant: 60 million allocated for community projects which is due at the end of August. We could always put in for the elevator now with the bids we were given. Jared McPhail is going to help us look at the grant to see if he can help.
- Nuggets need cleaning: unzip and wash. Debbie is going to take them and clean them.
- National Good Neighbor Day: Puzzle Competition on Sept 28th at 3:30-5:30

President's report-

- YES Committee: Ambor Keesler, Chuck Bennett, Chuck is mentioning at the rotary club.
- Barcode stickers: We are running out of barcodes for new books.
 - Shawn made a motion to purchase 5,000 barcodes for \$625.00, seconded by Erika. All in favor, motion passed to purchase 5,000 barcodes.
- Next meeting date: Sept 11, 2023

Comments/Questions-

- Special Meeting: August 21st at 7:00 pm
 - Debbie made a motion to make a working meeting on August 21st, seconded by Toni. All in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting will be on September 11th at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Toni to adjourn at 8:06, seconded by Lauren. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.