

MARION AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

LIBRARY BOARD Meeting

Minutes

November 21, 2024

- **CALL TO ORDER, by President, Ted Parkhurst.** A rescheduled meeting was held in the conference room of the library on November 21, 2024 at 5:30 pm.
In attendance: Rose Ballew, Rebecca Parke, Ted Parkhurst, Amy Bontekoe, Chris Casey, and Sarah Genereaux-Maddox. Absent: O
- **APPROVAL OF**
 - **MINUTES: Motion** by Amy 2nd by Rebecca, all ayes approved
 - **EXPENDITURES: Motion** by Rebecca 2nd by Chris, all ayes approved.
Correction from last month's expenditures was a paid ahead bill for Center Point.
- **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** None were present.
- **DIRECTORS REPORT:** October/November Programming
 - Halloween at the library was partnered up with the Fire Department for the 2nd year. Games, Candy, and Craft activities. Went great.
 - Birding with the Library (new program) Saarah is looking into implementing this spring.
 - Sarah went to the Michigan Library Association Conference: she says she got to meet a lot of the neighboring libraries to exchange great ideas, and picked up donations (Audio books).
 - Internet Starlink: set up and paid for by MMLL.
 - High School weekly visits are going great.
 - Project with Ron Helmboldt (working on making a Memory Map of Marion from the 1950s, using resources from the library)

- **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Board Bylaws and Policies, (templates that were purchased) were given out to the board to look over and make notes for the next meeting.
- Surrounding Townships: **Motion** made by Amy 2nd by Rebecca to go to surrounding townships meetings (after the 1st of the year) to present a Contract Proposal to join our District Library pending the Approval of our Policy package. All ayes, passed
- **Motion** made by Rebecca and 2nd by Chris to waive a fee for patrons who desire the use of the library while their Townships are considering joining our District by May 30th 2025, and possibly extend the offer if the township is planning to join the District that year, on a case by case basis. All ayes passed.

- **NEW BUSINESS: Motion** made by Rebecca 2nd by Chris to give \$50.00 Christmas gift cards to each (4) library employees paid for through the library funds. All ayes passed
- Tabled for next meeting: Discussion on raises for the library employees for the upcoming year. Chris mentioned that if he is unable to attend the next meeting he is good with a \$1.00 raise for each employee. Or what was discussed at this meeting?
- December meeting changed from 11-12-24 to 11-19-24 @ 5:30pm.
- Meeting adjourned: motion made by Chris 2nd Amy to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by, Rose Ballew