Library Board Meeting

Frank Bertetti Benld Public Library

**Wednesday, January 25, 2023**

Vice President Jerri Bayse called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2023.

Roll Call: Present – Trustees Jerri Bayse, Don Chapman, Denise Cadmus, Norman Emmons, Vickie Laughlin, Cindy Saracco, and Librarian Mary Newman. Absent – Bill Bertetto and Dona Hubert. City Liaison John Balzraine was also absent. There were no guests.

There was a “Moment of Silence” for our former Board Member and President, Mary Ann Scopel who passed away on January 10, 2023.

Under “Additions or Changes to the Agenda,” Librarian Newman added a couple of necessary additions to the agenda under New Business: a. Election of Officers b. Adding Geraldine Bayse to the library’s checking account and c. Submitting Stacy Jarman’s name to the City Council for approval as a new Board Member.

**Trustee Laughlin made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 14,2022 meeting; second by Trustee Chapman. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Saracco made a motion to approve the December 2022 Finance Reports: second by Trustee Cadmus. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Librarian’s Report**: (Full report may be viewed on file.). Librarian Mary Newman thanked the Board for the end- of-the year gift cards issued to her, Harold Newman, and Debby Lewis. The LEGOS program offered over winter break had 10 participants. She plans to offer Preschool Story Time once a month if there is interest. The Adult Craft Activity was a big success with 12 participants. A St. Patrick’s craft has been planned and more activities after that are being planned. The Per Capita Grant has been submitted. The third tax installment was received ($774.05). Mary also received approval to receive 2,000 Solar Eclipse Glasses for the 2024 event. Also, two books are missing from the library. She contacted the Police who indicated to her that seeking reimbursement for the books was not their job but that they would go with her to houses of people who owed money for books. She rightly declined this “generous” offer as it did not appear to be her job either. She also reported that the Fire Department was giving away free smoke detectors and installing them for free. People just need to sign up at the library. **Trustee Chapman made a motion to accept the Librarian’s report; second by Trustee Emmons. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Committee Reports**: There were no committee reports.

**City Liaison, John Balzraine was not present to give a report.**

**Continued** **Business**: a. Investments: Trustee Laughlin reported that all available funds have been invested.

**New Business:** (a) Election of Officer: **Trustee Laughlin made a motion to elect Jerri Bayse as the new President of the Board and Don Chapman as the new Vice President; second by Trustee Cadmus. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.** (b) Adding Geraldine Bayse to the library’s checking account: **Trustee Laughlin made a motion to have Geraldine Bayse’s name added to the library’s checking account; second by Trustee Cadmus. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.** (c) Nomination of Stacy Jarman as a new Board member: **Trustee Laughlin made a motion to submit Stacy Jarman’s name to the City Council for approval as a new Board member; second by Trustee Bayse. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Items for Next Agenda** – Fundraisers- Mary will contact John Baggio about a May 11 date for an Amore fundraiser and she will contact someone about a possible future battery sales campaign.

**Trustee Saracco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. second by Trustee Emmons. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Cindy Saracco

Library Board Secretary