

District Library Board Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2023

Members Present- Shawn Wheeler, Toni Loutzenhiser, Lauren Marion, Erika McClintic and Melanie Robison, Kelly Zielinski and Debbie Rickman

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm with the pledge.

Approval of minutes- Shawn made a motion to pass the October 2nd minutes, seconded by Toni. All in favor. Motion for October 2nd minutes passed.

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

Treasurer's Report-

- September 30th we had a balance of \$70,857.99. October 31st we had a balance of \$65,004.98

Librarians report-

- Anne Seuryneck has prepared the ballot language for us to approve and send to the county clerk. Proposal, Resolution, and Minutes were all sent to Leslie Hilgendorf
- Chuck Bennett took the names, phone numbers, and emails of all volunteers to form the yes committee. First meeting for the Yes committee was 10/30/23. 7 volunteers became members, and appointed officers.
- Kara Martus went to the County Clerk to get necessary documents in place to form the Yes Committee. She was given the stamp of approval to open a checking account. However, they said we needed paperwork to update the District library standing. Resolutions, Agreements, and a letter from the state were sent. Leslie sent them to all the necessary departments, and has sent daily updates by email that the departments have approved. Waiting on one more department.
- The deficiency letter was sent to the state.
- Yvonne Osborne: Local author has shared that her book is to be released on April 4th. Plan to do a book launch for her.
- Michigan Works GST: Larissa continues to put in some hours weekly (different each week) She has been great helping with barcoding and going through our library collection.

- The Toddler program has an average of 10 children!
- 4th 5th and 6th grade classes are coming once a month.
- 12 grade english students of 43 students have been coming.
- Halloween: We had candy leftover, but thank you to everyone who donated!
- Christmas Tree Lighting: Ernst Werth story time, take home craft, do we need refreshments?
- Charlie stopped by and said that his Bible study group is going to give a monetary gift.
- The book club would like to give supplies.
- Friends of the Library: We need to be thinking of people who would like to join the friends group.
- The next YES committee meeting is Nov. 20th at 6:00 at city hall.

Presidents report-

- Toni motioned to have a working meeting on November 13th at 6pm, Debbie seconded. All in favor, motion carried to have a working meeting.
- Debbie made a motion to move our Dec. 4th meeting to Dec. 11th, Seconded by Kelly. All in favor, motioned carried to moved

Working Meeting: November 13th at 6:00pm.

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

Motion by Erika to adjourn at 7:55, seconded by Melanie. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.