

## Petoskey District Library

### Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2022

#### **Call to order at 5:00 by President Ann Ingles**

**Present:** Kim Block (Petoskey), Ann Ingles (Petoskey), Trevor Nelson (Petoskey), Mike Atchison (Petoskey), Amy Janssens (Petoskey), Isabel Dunn (Harbor Springs), and Val Meyerson (Petoskey) (Library Director). (Quorum requirements met)

**Agenda** approved by consensus

**Minutes** approved by consensus

**Bills Approved:** Ann asked about the Demco bill for \$883 under contracted services. The bill is for our calendar/meeting room booking system.

**Treasurer's Report:** Amy reported Val did a nice job anticipating budget needs for the year. We are slightly over budget on maintenance and repairs.

#### **Friends of the Petoskey Library (Cindy Zipp):**

- The Friends are looking for more members and volunteers.
- Night at the Library fundraiser was a success earning over \$19,000. The annual dinner in the past made about \$14,000. Trevor suggested they share a survey with participants about the pros and cons. Cindy said they did this within the Friends members.

#### **Director's Report (Val Meyerson):**

- Logistics are being finalized for the Holocaust exhibit. Five schools have scheduled and docents are signing up. Publicity starts soon. The exhibit will be upstairs so furniture will be moved temporarily.
- Five families attended the Family Literacy Night. Julianne Tomatoes was the library's community partner and Mancinos donated pizzas.
- There are 45 to 50 children participating in the tutoring program. The library is very busy after school. Alex Daily is the new children's assistant.
- Cameron Henry is working with the Code Club which has 15 students participating.
- 10 babies attended baby story hour.
- Nisa received a grant from the Yiddish Book Center to bring Yiddish literature to the library. This may be a pick for our summer community read.

#### **Board Members' Comments:**

- Amy and Kim thanked the Friends for the fundraiser.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- Amy motioned to extend library hours until 7 pm Monday through Thursday starting January 2, 2023. Mike seconded it and it was passed unanimously.

## **New Business:**

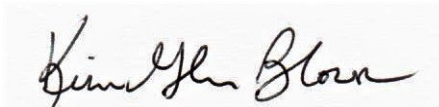
1. Board Training Requests
  - a. Amy and Trevor liked the zoom videos
  - b. Mike added that there are more than enough resources
  - c. Amy would like training on how to support the library staff.
2. Local History Policy Review
  - a. The local author section was incorporated into the full collection. Donated items will not be returned to the donors.
  - b. The policy with changes was approved by consensus.
3. Code of Conduct: The updated Code of Conduct policy was approved by consensus.
4. Display and Postings Policy and Guidelines
  - a. ALA and MLA send information on specific things to the library which may be considered when making displays.
  - b. The updated policy was approved by consensus.
5. Library meetings via zoom
  - a. Staff use the zoom link and support it but no one has complained about the lack of zoom option.
  - b. The board agreed it was more complicated to include it and was worried about technology failing.
  - c. There was a consensus to continue meetings without the zoom option.
6. Rehoming the Kellogg horse sculpture
  - a. The sculpture needs to move due to the Holocaust exhibit. NCMC has declined it. We are still waiting to hear back from Gypsy Vodka for the equestrian center.
  - b. There was a discussion about appraisal but skepticism about its accuracy.
  - c. After the exhibit, a seating area will replace the sculpture.

## **Public Comments:**

1. Joanne Astalfi (Petoskey)- Thanked the library for the Night at the Library fundraiser and wanted to know about docent training. There will be three different sessions.
2. Ryan Deery (Petoskey)- He likes bringing his kids to the library for its diverse materials and to expose them to others.
3. Joe Hoffman (Bear Creek Township)- He commented that Stanley Kellogg was a wonderful artist and a copy of the horse was sold on Ebay for \$300. He would like to see the sculpture still on display somewhere.
4. Meredith Kennedy (Alanson)- She appreciates the library bringing back longer hours. She would like to see high school students act as docents to cultivate youth giving back to the community.
5. Penny Crimm (Petoskey)- She thanked the library for the opportunity to tutor at the library

**Board Comments:** none

**Adjournment:** Ann adjourned the meeting at 5:53.

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Submitted by Kim Block, Secretary