

Petoskey District Library

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes: May 26, 2022

Call to order at 5:00 by President Ann Ingles

Present:

Kim Block (Petoskey), Ann Ingles (Petoskey), Trevor Nelson (Petoskey), Mike Atchinson (Petoskey), Amy Janssens (Petoskey), and Val Meyerson (Petoskey) (Library Director).
(Quorum requirements met)

Agenda Approved: No changes.

Minutes approved as presented, by consensus.

Bills approved as presented:

Amy asked if lots of contracted services occur in May. Val explained that many of those services were paying the tutors for the reading program, which is funded primarily through grants. Bills were approved.

Public Comments: None.

Capital Projects Presentation:

Amanda Porath and Sean Tabacsko presented to the board. The purpose of the OHM report was to conduct building assessments and evaluate the condition of both the library and the Carnegie building. They looked to make sure the buildings were up to code, if there were problem areas, and the age of equipment and technology.

- Amy asked about the ramp part of the report. Val said the deterioration got worse this winter.
- Amy asked what our next step would be. OHM said that they could create a design and plan and also help with the bidding process if we wanted.

Treasurer's Report:

Amy reported that we are on target for this year's budget. She noticed that training and travel were a little high at this time of the year. Val mentioned that next month she will need to do a budget amendment to adjust for the cost of the OHM report. Val explained that the library does not need city approval to change the budget. She only needs the approval of the board. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Board Members' Comments: None

Friends of the Petoskey Library (Ann Barfknecht):

- June's Carnegie program will be the history of Walloon presented by Lauren McIntyre
- The board is looking into putting some books at Magnus Park on shelves in the laundry area. These would be free to campers and Kendel Klinglesmith supported it. Val clarified that the library offers library cards to long term campers (at least a month) and people who own boat slips.

Director's Report (Val Meyerson):

- June 2 at 5:30 there will be an antisemitism program put on by ADL. It will follow with a service and snacks. The library is partnering with the temple and the interfaith committee. It will cover Judaism 101 and Antisemitism 101. On June 22 there will be a discussion program on how to interrupt hateful behavior.
- Val was proud of the Diversity Club at the PHS for their No Place for Hate certification. The ADL has only certified 7 schools in the state.
- The Ride for Equity is the group from Black Leaders Detroit, who will ride from Detroit to Mackinaw. They will stop in Petoskey to put on an equity and diversity forum discussion on May 22 from 4:00 to 5:30. 18 people have signed up.
- Val went to a Think Space conference at Boyne Mountain to attend a seminar on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Board Members' Comments:

Mike questioned how tutors are paid. They are paid mostly by grants.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Student Trustee

- a. Mike discussed how he and Amy interviewed two candidates: a Harbor Springs junior and a Petoskey Middle School 7th grader. The 7th grader had many good ideas. Amy and Mike recommended the junior since she was interested in being an active citizen and only has a year left to serve.
- b. Mike said we should consider three questions:
 - i. Why are we doing this? (for the board's benefit or for the student's benefit- introducing them to service, training tomorrow's leaders)
 - ii. What packet will the student trustee receive (concerned that a large packet will cause them stress)
 - iii. How long will the term be?
- c. Answers:
 - i. Most of us thought it would benefit both the board and the student
 - ii. The student would receive the same packet.
 - iii. The term would last one year, from June to May.

Mike motioned to offer the position to Isabelle Dunn for the 2022-2023 school year. Trevor seconded it and it passed unanimously. Val will call the two students.

Meeting Room Policy

- Val pointed out the policy was the same from last year with some updated COVID language. Policy was approved by consensus.

Snow Clearing Data

- This service was more expensive than in the past, but walkways were nice and dry. It also included the new parking lot.

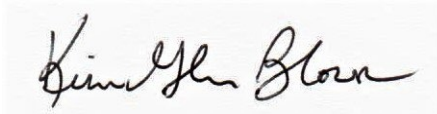
Building Committee

- Val needs help setting up a plan. The committee would report back to the board with their recommendations. It would meet approximately two times before they report to a board meeting. Once the plan is in place, they will meet as often as needed. Meetings will be open to the public.
- The committee members will be Val, Neil, Mike and Kim

Public Comments:

Joe Hoffman from Bear Creek Township wanted to know where to find board minutes which are on the library website under the Board section. Joann said she loves the library.

Adjournment: Ann adjourned the meeting at 6:13.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Block". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Submitted by Kim Block