

## Petoskey District Library

### Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes May 25, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Kim Block

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

**Absent:** none

Val suggested re-ordering the new business items on the agenda. Revised agenda approved.

Minutes of the April 27 meeting were approved by consensus.

The April bills were approved by consensus.

Treasurer's report: Trevor referred the board to the financial statements included in the board packet.

**Friends of the Library report:** Susan Wagner presented the report to the board, as highlighted below:

- Still trying to figure out what to do for the next big fundraiser.
- They need additional members and some younger members.
- They are considering expanding the Friends board.
- Received a grant from Women Who Care for Tween room
- \$3576 raised from Friends book sale YTD
- Surplus books will be donated to Brother Dan's Food Pantry

**Director's report** - Val went through her monthly report, a copy of which was provided to each board member prior to the meeting, and highlighted the following:

- Floats and Goats event coming up.
- Summer reading bingo initiative getting underway.
- Results of the statewide survey of library users.
- Mike asked Val to explain the library's outreach to schools. Nisa visited the Middle School classrooms to share information about the library and summer reading.

#### **Board Comments:**

- Kim thanked Isabel for her service as Student Trustee, remarked on how well she grew in the role during the year, and presented her with a parting gift from the board.
- Isabel thanked the board for the opportunity to serve
- Ann also thanked Isabel

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

- **Construction project update:** Amanda from OHM present 4 options to the board for moving forward after the one bid came in 3x over budget. Amanda noted the OHM fees for all 4 options are covered by what we have already paid them. Ann made a motion to start with Option 1, which is to negotiate with GCS, and to have a special board meeting in the first half of June to see where that is at. Motion seconded by Trevor. Motion passed unanimously.
- **New student trustee:** Trevor recounted the interview process. Trevor moved to accept Quintin as the new Student Trustee. Ann seconded. Motion passed unanimously, with Amy abstaining.
- **Board Bylaws update:** 2 small changes were proposed to the bylaws. One changing public comment from 5 minutes per person to 3 minutes. Also, one period for public comment was established as the last order of business before adjournment. Mike moved to accept the bylaws as amended. Seconded by Amy. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Request for reconsideration / Challenge to the book, *Let's Talk About It*:** Val explained the makeup of the Challenged Materials Team (CMT) and the lengthy process that the team went through in response to the request to have this book removed from the library. Val also explained that a team of community members was assembled and asked to review the book. The recommendation of the CMT was to move the book from the teen section to the adult section. Mike moved to accept the recommendation of the CMT. Trevor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Policy Review: Collection Development.** Val explained the proposed changes and additions to the collection development policy, as shown in red in the board packet. A brief discussion was held. Amy moved to approve the policy changes. Ann seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Public Comments:**

- L Argetsinger commended the library staff and board on the challenged materials process.
- Jessica Shaw Nolff asked if only card holders can challenge materials. Val explained the anyone who lives in the City of Petoskey or any of the 4 townships (Bear Creek, Little Traverse, Resort, and Springvale) can challenge materials
- Linda Adams - commended the library staff and board on the decision regarding the book, *Let's Talk About It*.
- Pastor Ryan Donahoe - encouraged the board not to wait for the construction market to improve, based on his recent experience with the project at the Presbyterian Church.
- Joe Murphy - people who will benefit from the book *Let's Talk About It* will find it, despite the move.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm by Kim Block

Submitted by Mike Atchison, Secretary