

**Petoskey District Library**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**September 28, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Block at 5:04 PM.

**Present:** Kim Block, Ann Ingles, Amy Janssens, Trevor Nelson, student board member Quintin Janssens, and Val Meyerson, Library Director

**Absent:** Mike Atchison

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved by consensus.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the August 24, 2023 meeting were approved by consensus.

**Payment of Bills:** Payment of bills from August 2023 was approved by consensus

**Treasurer's Report:** Trevor stated that everything is looking good. No questions

**Reports:**

- Friends of the Petoskey Public Library – Joyce Hutto-Nolan, FOPPL treasurer, stated that Carnegie programs are going well, The Friends recently voted to donate more funds for the new tween space to support the professional shifting of the shelving system, they are providing pizza for the Growing Readers Together family literacy/Title nights, and will continue to support what is needed at the library.
- Director's Report – Val provided a written report. She introduced Steve Solomon, Facilities Manager in his 4<sup>th</sup> week on the job. Val noted that the community partners for the October family literacy/Title nights will be the fish hatchery and a group with information on kayaking gear. She also highlighted the new Volunteens program developed by Nisa Kessler, Teen Librarian, and Quintin Janssens. A copy of a Volunteens poster was provided in the board packet. Questions from board members included Amy requesting an update on the gutters and Kim inquiring about reciprocal borrowing from other libraries, a snow melt system warrantee (yes), the tween space (Library Design will move the collection and the Friends will

pay for that. The Little Traverse Bay Bands will purchase some of the furniture for it since they use the building as part of a child care program.)

### **Board Members Comments**

- Quintin thanked Nisa for working with him on the Volunteens project. He also suggested that the student board member position become a voting member in the future. Val will investigate that possibility.
- Kim spoke about supporting the MLA book ban bill which is making its way through the state legislature.

### **New Business**

1. 2024 Wage Scale – After discussion Ann moved and Trevor seconded to approve the 2024 wage scale as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously
2. 2024 Budget – Val reviewed the 2024 budget. After discussion Amy moved and Trevor seconded to approve the 2024 budget as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously
3. Posting of Board Packet on the Website – This was a request from members of the League of Women Voters Observer Corps. Several board members were uncomfortable with this idea; Val suggested that anyone wishing to see the entire board packet could contact her about having it emailed to them.
4. Draft MOU with Little Traverse Civic Theater Readers Theater – Readers Theater is coming back with the cooperation of LTCT and will probably start this winter. This was a discussion item in anticipation of the creation of an official name for the new organization which will appear on the Memorandum of Understanding.

### **Public Comments**

- Holly Angileri from the Resort Township Board asked that the Library Board consider going back to providing a Zoom option for meetings.
- Joe Hoffman from the Bear Creek Township Board commented on possible problems with student member voting and posting board packets on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm by President Kim Block.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Ingles, Secretary Pro Tem