

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHIPPEWA RIVER DISTRICT LIBRARY OCTOBER 17, 2023

Members present were Chair R. Helwig, L. Laskowsky, C. Doyle, K. Mora, R. Barrett, E. Freling, B. Webb; Director C. Friedrich and Finance Director K. Ellison

Members absent were

R. Helwig called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

R. Barrett moved to approve the agenda of October 17, 2023. Motion seconded by K. Mora. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

L. Laskowsky moved to approve the minutes of August 15, 2023. Motion seconded by E. Freling. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The check disbursements and financial statement for August and September 2023 were discussed and placed on file.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Corey Friedrich reported on the following:

- Circulation stats – circulation was down at all locations except TML.
- Computer stats – internet and wireless sessions were up.
- Programming highlights – finished storytimes in the park and moved back to the library.
- Painting at VML – should be completed the end of October.
- VML roof replacement – replacement has begun and is on schedule to conclude the end of October.
- COVID test kits – we received free test kits and are distributing them to patrons at all locations.
- Book banning roundtable discussion – was invited by CMU to participate in a roundtable with two CMU English professors, an English teacher from MPHS, a MPPS Board Member, and the State Librarian
- Strategic plan update – we have purchased additional large print books for the children's collection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and facilities –

- The 2024 budget hearing will be held at the November meeting.
- Habitat has removed many of the items stored at FTL.

Personnel and Policy –

- R. Helwig moved to approve *Registration of Library Patrons, No. 401* as amended. Motion seconded by K. Mora. Motion carried.
- R. Helwig moved to approve *Damage and Replacement Fees, No. 405* as amended. Motion seconded by C. Doyle. Motion carried.

Art – Nothing to report.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES UPDATE

B. Webb reported that the SCL friends met with staff to get help with memberships and the possible funding of programs.

R. Helwig reported that the VML friends will hold their annual meeting on November 13th. This year's book sale raised \$10,880 with some books being donated to the Clarke Historical Library. A pop-up book sale is being planned specifically for children's books.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Earl Hartman was present to create awareness in his efforts to get the Isabella County newspapers digitized.

ADJOURNMENT

R. Helwig adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Ellison, Finance Director