

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHIPPEWA RIVER DISTRICT LIBRARY APRIL 19, 2022

Members present were Chair T. Delia, R. Helwig, L. Laskowsky, K. Mora, C. Doyle, D. Clark, R. Barrett, E. Freling; Director C. Friedrich and Finance Director K. Ellison

T. Delia called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

R. Helwig moved to approve the agenda of April 19, 2022. Motion seconded by R. Barrett. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Doyle moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2022. Motion seconded by K. Mora. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The check disbursements and financial statement for March 2022 were discussed and placed on file.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments received or offered.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Corey Friedrich reported on the following:

- Circulation stats – circulation was up district wide
- Programming stats – continuing to host our usual reoccurring programs including book clubs, storytimes, and True Crime Club as well as many take home kits. Storytimes in Shepherd and Rosebush continue to grow.
- Computer stats – internet sessions were up 717% and wireless sessions were up 32%.
- VML HVAC – the original firm we were planning to work with for the RFP has not been responding to correspondence. We will be looking into finding another firm.
- Annual Audit – the audit fieldwork has been completed and we are waiting for drafts of the financials.
- FJML bathroom – the floor has been completed and the bathroom is operational again.
- PLA conference – provided program that dealt with law and the library, working with library boards, censorship, library policies, and ideas for increasing circulation at the library.

- Strategic plan update – partnered with the Isabella County Human Rights Committee to host a book discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and facilities – Nothing to report.

Personnel and Policy –

- R. Helwig moved to send the *Works of Art or Materials, #202* back to committee for further review. Motion seconded by K. Mora. Motion carried.
- R. Helwig moved to approve *Loan of Library Materials, No. 402* as amended. Motion seconded by R. Barrett. Motion carried.
- R. Helwig moved to approve the *Investment Policy* as amended. Motion seconded by C. Doyle. Motion carried.

Art – the 2 new pieces from Ann Kowaleski are now on display.

LIBRARY TRENDS AND UPDATES

Publishers of ebooks have been pricing ebooks much higher than they do paper books so some libraries have started buying the print books and digitizing them themselves to save money. They haven't been circulating the paper book after they do this in order to follow the spirit of copyright law, but publishers are challenging this in court. Outcomes are pending in several states.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES UPDATE

R. Helwig reported that the VML Friends are holding a joint rummage/book sale with the Zonta Club on April 23rd. Currently working with the VML marketing team on the Friends website, logo, etc. The annual book sale will be held September 28th to October 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

T. Delia adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Ellison, Finance Director