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| **Presque Isle Community Library - Board of Trustees** | |
| Meeting Category: | Regular Meeting Minutes |
| Date : | July 11, 2023 |
| Time : | 4:00 pm |
| Location : | Library and Via Zoom, as needed: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83723498067 |

1) **Call to Order:** Keith Stanosz (KS). The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

2) **Roll Call of Members/Introduction of Visitors:** KS.

*Present*: KS, Christal Schermeister-Simons (CSS), Merry Beckel (MB), Mary Koster (MK), Joe Kemnitz (JK) via Zoom, Christine Wallace (CW), and Vicki Gillett (VG).

*Visitors*: None

*Absent*: Town Board Liaison

3) **Agenda approval/modification:** KS. MB moved to approve the agenda, motion seconded by KS, passed unanimously.

4) **Approval of Minutes:** KS. MK moved to approve the June 13, 2023, minutes as submitted, motion seconded by JK, passed unanimously.

5) **Treasurer’s report:** KS. MB & CSS reviewed the July income and expense reports. KS made the motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report with $5,666.21 in projected expenses for July, motion seconded by MK, passed unanimously.

6) **Library Director’s Report:** KS. CSS presented her Director’s report.

**a) Art in the Library.** The Material Girls Quilt Exhibit is set for the month of August with a reception

scheduled for August 5th from 8 :30 to 10 :30 a.m. Polly Sievert will exhibit her artwork in

September and for part of October. There is an exhibit scheduled for November and December,

but we still need to find an artist or artists for January and February of 2024.

**b) Northwoods Book Festival Update.** Lauren Fox is the featured author for the August 29th

event hosted jointly by the Kohler Library and the Presque Isle Library. The author has requested

an interview-style program where she would be asked questions developed in advance. Janelle

would like to be one of the interviewers, and Christal would like to be a second interviewer. The

author fee is $2,000, of which Kohler Library will cover $1,300 plus the lodging cost of $175.

Presque Isle Library will provide $700 toward the author fee and provide the venue and

equipment, along with most of the refreshments. Approximately $360 remains in the program

budget to spend on the event, leaving a shortfall of $340. A request will be made to the Friends

of the Library to help cover the balance.

**c) Exploration of Local Libraries.** Christal and Sarah would like to take a Monday to visit some

Northern Waters libraries as part of the summer ‘’Passport’’ Program. In mind are Iron River, Lac

Courte Oreilles, Cable, and Hayward. They are requesting reimbursement of their mileage cost.

The Board agreed that visiting some other libraries in the Northern Waters system was an

excellent idea. MK moved to approve reimbursement of mileage costs at the current rate of 65.5

cents per mile, seconded by MB, and passed unanimously.

**d) Office hours.** Christal’s office hours remain the same.

7) **Committee Reports:** KS.

**a) Volunteer Appreciation Event.** KS. Keith reported that he is leaning toward using

Martha Kelly as a caterer, and possibly a Mexican menu. Cost would range from $500-$700,

depending on the menu and number attending. It was suggested that funds could perhaps come

from the Capital Improvement fund, which currently has a surplus. Keith asked for volunteers to

work on menu planning. MK and MB said they would take this on and would plan to meet the

week of July 17.

**b) Paver Bick Update.** CSS. Several people have requested and paid in advance for paver bricks.

Discussion over what to use for Marsha Rosenberg’s years of service : Since there are no

precise records of her actual years, but it is known that she worked as a volunteer somewhere in

the 20-25 years range, it was decided to use ‘’20+ years’’ on her paver brick.

**c) Library Entryway Remodel.** CSS. Cathy Logan Weber (interim Town Chair) advised that now

may not be a good time to move forward on this project due to the current uncertain status of the

Town Chair situation. She suggested temporarily postponing any action. There was discussion

of locating a local electrician to do the necessary electrical work when the time comes, and the

name Ron Stokes was suggested as a possibility.

**d) Stained Glass Memorial Project.** MK reported that Eric Koster agreed to design and craft the

stained glass panel, but the Board was in agreement that it should wait until the remodel project

is completed since the panel would be located in that area.

8) **Old Business:** KS. None.

9) **New Business:** KS. None.

10) **Public Comment:** KS. None.

11) **Adjournment:** KS. 4:51 p.m.

**Next regular meeting date: August 8, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. - in person and via Zoom, as needed.**

(Members who expect to be absent or who plan to attend by Zoom are reminded to contact CSS or KS in

advance of the meeting.)

CW mentioned that she would not be able to attend the September meeting. MK said she would not able

to attend the October meeting but thought she would be here for the August meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Gillett, Secretary