MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Library Board was held in-person at 220 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 on Thursday, June 9, 2022. The meeting was called to order by board president Jan Denton at 6:30pm.

Members present: Jan Denton, Nancy Pople, Amanda Norton, Emily Bodkin, and Kathy Preisman.

Members absent: Lauren Shroyer and Matt Swan-Badgero

Others present: Teresa Baldwin, Emma Repp, and Pat Lawton

The agenda was approved as printed by Nancy Pople and supported by Kathy Preisman.

Motion to approve the May 12, 2022 minutes was made by Emily Bodkin; Nancy Pople seconds the motion; passed unanimously.

Jan Denton clarified May 17, 2022 special board meeting minutes. Motion to approve said minutes was made by Emily Bodkin; Nancy Pople seconds the motion; passed unanimously. June 1, 2022 special board meeting minutes will be added to the next meeting’s agenda.

Financial Report: Emma Repp explained fraudulent charge on the credit card. Motion to approve the bills was made by Nancy Pople; Kathy Preisman seconds the motion; passed unanimously.

Library Director’s Report: Teresa Baldwin read her May report and answered questions from the board. Teresa will go back to working 35 hours per week in mid-June.

Motion to begin steps for Bryonna Barton, the new Library Director, to be named on all bank accounts and the credit card made by Nancy Pople; Amanda Norton seconds the motion; passed unanimously.
Friends Group: Pat Lawton, Friends President, updated the Board on the group’s Wednesday books sales, fundraising ideas, and meet and greet. The Friends donated $200 to the Library for summer reading program prizes.

Old Business: Discussion of Teresa Baldwin’s bonus amount. Motion to continue the bonus as previously approved ($1,500/month), prorated until the end of June, as Library Director responsibilities will continue even as the new Director starts, made by Emily Bodkin; Nancy Pople seconds; Amanda Norton nays, all others yay.

Opening of Public Hearing on 2022-2023 Budget: no public comment

Closing of Public Hearing on 2022-2023 Budget.

New Business:

Motion to pass 2022-2023 Budget made by Nancy Pople; Kathy Preisman seconds; passed unanimously.

Review Audit Bid: Board reviews audit proposals from Maner Costerisan and Gabridge & Company. Motion to keep same firm as previous three years (Gabridge) made by Kathy Preisman; Amanda Norton seconds; passed unanimously.

Acting Director’s Evaluation Report: Jan Denton presents Teresa Baldwin’s evaluations from board and staff members. Overall positive comments. The new director will start 6/13.

Board Comments: Motion to approve statement regarding the hiring of Bryonna Barton as Library Director: “We are completely supportive of our new Library Director and are looking forward to working with her leadership abilities”, made by Nancy Pople; Emily Bodkin seconds; passed unanimously.

Emma Repp will send quote via email to Board members and Pat Lawton.

Public Comments: None.

Adjournment: 7:37pm