The regular meeting of the library board was held in person at 220 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 on Thursday, August 11, 2022. The meeting was called to order by board president, Jan Denton, at 6:33 pm.

Members Present: Matt Swan, Nancy Pople, Jan Denton, Kathy Preisman, Amanda Norton, and Lauren Shroyer

Members Absent: Emily Bodkin

Others Present: Bry Barton, Emma Repp, Pat Lawton

The agenda was approved as printed by Matt Swan supported by Nance Pople

Matt Swan made a motion to approve the August 11, 2022 minutes. Kathy Preisman seconds the motion; passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Lauren Shroyer motions the approval to pay the bills, supported by Matt Swan, passed unanimously.

Library Directors Report: Bryonna Barton reported:

a. The patron numbers are up from 2020-2021; back to pre-covid numbers
b. Summer reading programs were a success with more registrations in 2022 than 2021
c. Jeremy resolved phone issues most of the month and WILX News 10 visited 4 times to interview staff
d. Staying connected to community through the APP “Remind”
e. Vandalism on the building is against the police, not ERADL. Hoping Arts Council will paint a mural to cover it up with the city’s approval. Security cameras are under discussion.

Friends Report:

President Pat Lawton reported that the July fundraiser collection was close to $400.00. The group is considering having an ongoing used book sale within the library. Other fundraising ideas have been moved to 2023: quilt raffle, Princess Riverboat, Launch day for teens. Pat setup AmazonSmile in the ERADL charity name. The group would like to update the vestibule. Next scheduled meeting is October 6, 2022.

Old Business:

a. Building Project Update:
   ● Building project to be reevaluated with updated cost
   ● Fundraising ideas: Book character 5K 2023 before Summer Reading Kickoff, Beanstalk reading platform
   ● Board to consider applying for USDA Loan before millage

New Business:

a. Nancy Pople moves to remove Teresa Baldwin from LAFCU bank accounts and add Bryonna Barton and Emma Repp to the accounts. Supported by Matt Swan, passed unanimously.
b. We will not be donating to the ERPS golf outing
c. Nancy Pople motions to approve new public computers, Kathy Preisman supports, passed unanimously.

Board Comments: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 7:23pm