

Eaton Rapids Area District Library

220 South Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827

October 10th, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Call To Order: October meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Jan Denton.

Attendance:

Present: Emily Bodkin, Bryonna Barton, Matthew Swan-Badgero, Nancy Pople, Jan Denton, Diana Hayter (Friends Group), Amanda Norton, Dee Halsey.

Absent: Robin Buysse.

Approval of Agenda:

Nancy moved to approve. Emily seconded. All approved with no further discussion.

Approval of September 12th, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Will approve at next meeting as printers were down and unable to print minutes.

Approval of September 19th, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes:

Nancy moved to approve. Emily seconded. All approved with no further discussion.

Financial Report:

Financial report completed by Transparent Bookkeeping, LLC and nothing new to report and nothing out of the ordinary. Per Transparent Bookkeeping, LLC the financials are in excellent condition and on track. Emily moved to pay the bills and Dee seconded. All approved with no further discussion.

Directors Report:

Door counts up by over 500 from last year and also up from last month. Eaton Rapids Township won library card wars and we are bringing back Kona Kocoa to the Oak Ridge Park. Innovative Grant money spent on Cricuts, Tonies, new backpack kits and headphones for the computers. Mailed out Welcome to ERADL brochures to Hamlin Township residents. Erin is no longer with the library and library is hiring a couple of new positions: 1) reference desk library assistant, 2) technology assistant and 3) MEL library assistant.

Committee Reports

Friends Group:

Diana Hayter reported for the Friends Group. Friends Group had a board meeting. Having a book sale on November 28th. Discussion of giving books away for the downtown Halloween Trick or Treat event. There is also a Meet and Greet in March.

Building Renovation Committee:

Nothing much to report but continuing advocacy work and the newsletter. Town hall meeting on 10/3/24 had zero attendees. Next meeting is scheduled for 10/25/24 at 6:30pm.

Old Business:

Facility Policy:

Will have personnel policy to review next month. Discussed revised public relations policy. Nancy made a motion to approve the revised public relations policy and Matthew seconded with all in favor and no further discussion. Mailings have been completed and no further mailings for the proposed new library will be sent out.

New Business:

Board Positions:

Nancy will be stepping down when her term ends in December. Kathy Preisman is interested in joining the board again and will be offered the position. Emily made a motion to offer the open board position to Kathy Preisman and Amanda seconded with all in favor and no further discussion.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Jan Denton at 6:46pm.

Next Meeting: November 14th, 2024 Regular Meeting at 6:30pm.