BEAVER ISLAND DISTRICT LIBRARY

Board of Trustees

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order was made at 5:04 p.m.
2. PRESENT: Becca Foli, Denny Rahilly, Cari Ledbetter, Cynthia Pryor, Monica Longlet, Acacia Warmerdam, Jacque LaFreniere, Julie Gillespie

3. Julie Gillespie, St. James Township Clerk, administered the Oaths of office for new members and renewed members.

4. Public Comment: welcome to Cari Ledbetter.

5. Review, modify if necessary, or approve Agenda: change to Library Pals report by LaFreniere instead of Longlet. Motion to approve agenda as changed made by Pryor, second by Warmerdam, PASSED

6. Approval of Minutes December 14, 2023 regular meeting: MOTION to approve the minutes made by Warmerdam, seconded by Longlet. PASSED

7. Financial Report- Rick Speck was absent so just looked at the budget, forecast, etc.

Budget, forecast, reconciliation and check register

Bills submitted for payment December 2023 ~ Motion to approve the paid bills was made by Warmerdam, seconded by Pryor. PASSED.

8. Old Business

a. Policy Updates: Pryor presented final copy of the Emergencies policy for approval. Motion to approve changes to the Emergencies policy made by Foli, seconded by Longlet. PASSED

b. Library Pals-LaFreniere: Our last meeting was on January 10th between the 3rd-4th grades and the seniors. Our next meeting is Feb. 14 and will include the 1st-2nd grades.

c. Meeting dates for 2024- March 14th? LaFreniere will check with Rick Speck.

d. Strategic Plan- set Sunday, Feb. 25th at 10 am to work on strategic plan. LaFreniere will bring pot of soup, Longlet bread and others will bring desserts etc.

9. Director’s Report / Board Update: see attached

10. New Business

a. Seed Library- Longlet presented idea for us to participate as a seed library- a couple of organizations, including One Seed, One State through the Michigan Seed Library Network will give us seeds for distribution- Dill. Longlet will meet with LaFreniere to sign us up. Collaborations with local organizations were discussed.

b. Recognition party- Foli reported that Feb. 7th after hours will work. LaFreniere will contact Ralph Williamson about getting Kim here. LaFreniere will be off island and pick up some things including drinks and food. Others will also bring in some hors-d’oeuvres. Already have the book spine for her and a Larissa Vase.

c. Nomination of Cari Ledbetter to fill interim position as Treasurer made by Pryor, seconded by Warmerdam, PASSED. Cari will serve until the annual meeting.

d. Director evaluation has been completed by Warmerdam and McDonough

11. Correspondence: Received donations-$625 (from 3 donors). LaFreniere reported that Swearingen family may be sending some contributions as well.

12. Public Comment: None

~~Adjournment~~ Motion to adjourn made by Warmerdam, seconded by Foli. PASSED

Next scheduled regular meeting: Feb. 15, 2024 5:00 PM

Director’s Report:

1. Ongoing programs- Lego Club- back to Saturdays 1 p.m. with an additional one perhaps afterschool on Fridays. Story Hour and Babies and Toddlers Mix Up going well. Library Pals next meet on Feb. 14.
2. Possible new programs- Tutoring (Warmerdam reported the need and including retired teachers on island. She will continue to look into). Teen Time at the BIDL (after sports ends), Maeve will meet with Wil regarding getting some of the teens involved with Library program planning.

Suggestion Teen Art Night was popular last summer.

1. Program report: COA/BIDL Get Set Up with GETSET UP (Jan. 17) had about 6 seniors attend and three tech helpers. Will plan another next month or so.

Eclipse (April 8) and pre eclipse events are being planned. LaFreniere reported on the two programs we are signed up to do- Eclipse Soundscapes has citizen science opportunities as does the GLOBE eclipse program.

1. Possible grants/programs- Maeve is working on a couple of programs to bring to the library. Talk Story 2024 is a cultural program (indigenous peoples), Ready to Read, Children’s Book Week, and Smokey Bear. One seed, One state program (Dill)- Longlet will meet with LaFreniere to apply for this.
2. Circulation report
3. Hiring of substitute for specific dates: LaFreniere presented that the library is in need of a substitute librarian once in a while and Dan LaFreniere has offered to be trained. He will be working as needed to fill in.