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Library Board Meeting

Approved Minutes

January 21, 2021 - 6:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Judeen Bartos at 6:31 pm.
2. Roll call: Judeen Bartos, Kelly Farrah, Adrienne Fazzolara, Amanda Hanlin, Kevin Yezbeck. Director Jenny Marr and Recording Secretary Kerrie Patterson also present. All attendees attended virtually via Zoom in Ferndale, MI. Daniel Hooper arrived at 6:33 pm.
3. Approval of agenda:
Motion: Approve the agenda. (Farrah/second Yezbick); Bartos-yes, Farrah-yes, Fazzolara-yes, Hanlin-yes, Yezbick-yes, Hooper-yes.
4. Public comment: None.
5. Board Candidate Interviews and Appointment. Bartos gave a review of the interview and selection process. Candidate interview order: Andrea Kirkwood, Sara Jurek, Meghan Evoy, Kirsten Suer. Candidate were interviewed by the Board.
Motion: I move that Meghan Evoy be appointed as a board member to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Beau Perry. The candidate will fulfill the rest of Mr. Perry's term which expires December 31, 2022. (Hanlin/second Farrah); Bartos-yes, Farrah-yes, Fazzolara-yes, Hanlin-yes, Hooper-yes, Yezbick-yes.
6. Minutes: Approve December 17, 2020 regular meeting proposed minutes:
Motion: Approve December 17, 2020 regular meeting proposed minutes. (Yezbick/second Hanlin); Bartos-yes, Fazzolara-yes, Hanlin-yes, Hooper-yes, Yezbick-yes, Farrah-yes.
7. Director's report: (See att.) Adult book bundles have been added due to the success of the youth book bundles. A new humidifier and Wi-Fi access point have been installed. The Wi-Fi signal now extends beyond all parking lots surrounding the library. There were 1,503 curbside pickups in December, which is a new record, despite the holiday closures. Interlibrary loan volume has increased substantially and required a re-tooling of the circulation staff's workflow.
8. Acceptance of expenditures and finance reports for the month of December: (See att.) No new revenue in December, but the CARES grant money was deposited in January, and winter taxes are coming soon. Budget amendment proposals will be coming for the February meeting.
Motion: Accept the expenditures and finance reports for the month of December. (Yezbick/second Fazzolara); Yezbick-yes, Hooper-yes, Hanlin-yes, Fazzolara-yes, Bartos-yes, Farrah-yes.
9. Exterior Design Project proposal: Ideation Orange (See att.): Marr presented proposal from Ideation Orange to upgrade exterior lighting and signage. The proposal is for the first two steps, Direction and Design. The company will provide renderings to the Board before further action is undertaken. Target timeline is to have the renderings before April.

Motion: Approve the exterior Direction and Design proposal for up to \$9,250.00 from Ideation Orange. (Farrah/second Hooper); Bartos-yes, Fazzolara-yes, Hanlin-yes, Hooper-yes, Yezbick-yes, Farrah-yes.

10. Committee reports:

A-1. Adhoc Committee – Board Candidate Selection: (See att.) This committee is now dissolved as its purpose has been fulfilled.

A. Art & Exhibitions: (See att.) Jeff Milosevich set up the artists. The artist booked for April had to drop out, so Milosevich is trying to move May's artist to that slot.

B. Friends of the FPL: Couch to 5k is ongoing. The form is on the Friends' website. Friends' branded masks should come soon, and their website is almost ready for online sales. Seeking submissions for Friends' cookbook still.

C. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: Committee is still researching but expects to invite members soon.

D. Finance: (See att.) Budget amendments coming next month.

E. Personnel: No report.

F. Schools: The youth librarians created and delivered teacher appreciation bags.

11. Review action items:

A. Marr will work with Evoy and the city clerk's office to establish a time to receive the oath of office.

B. Marr and Yezbick will discuss WIFI frequency channels to eliminate any deadzones in coverage for new access points.

C. Marr will bring budget amendment to February meeting.

12. Announcements/comments from board members:

A. Fazzolara welcomed Evoy.

B. Yezbick also welcomed Evoy. His sister is a director at a school in CA and she's already got the vaccine. He also knows 16 people who have gotten it and has more hope for more people to be protected from the Covid virus. He thanked Marr for printing out auto insurance forms and emailing them; appreciates that the library offers that service.

C. Hanlin feels like the vaccine rollout will start to happen quickly now that the country has a plan.

D. Farrah thanked Hanlin and Bartos for their work on the ad-hoc committee. Welcomed Evoy. Feels sympathy for parents of young children struggling during the pandemic.

E. Evoy thanked everyone for the opportunity to be on the board. She looks forward to meeting everyone and lots of good work ahead.

F. Bartos welcomed Evoy. She appreciates everyone's effort on the library board, as the library is a vital part of our government and community.

13. Adjourn:

Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. (Yezbick/second Fazzolara); Yezbick-yes, Hooper-yes, Hanlin-yes, Fazzolara-yes, Bartos-yes, Farrah-yes.

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