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Library Board Meeting

Approved Minutes

December 14, 2023 - 6:30 PM

Board Meeting

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Judeen Bartos at 6:32PM.

2. Roll call: Judeen Bartos, Meghan Evoy, Kelly Farrah, Adrienne Fazzolara, Amanda Hanlin, Erin Hooper, Kevin Yezbick

Director Jenny Marr and Assistant Director/Recording Secretary Jordan Wright also present.

3. Approval of agenda

A MOTION by Hanlin and seconded by Farrah to approve the agenda as presented; passed unanimously

4. Minutes: Approve November 16, 2023 **regular** meeting

A MOTION by Hooper and seconded by Farrah to approve the November 16, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented; passed unanimously

Minutes: Approve November 16, 2023 **closed** session

A MOTION by Farrah and seconded by Fazzolara to approve the November 16, 2023 closed session minutes as presented; passed unanimously

5. Director's Presentation: Jenny Marr

Library Director Jenny Marr presented an outline of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, including topics such as compensation, work-life balance, professional development opportunities, and transparent communication.

6. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement

A MOTION by Evoy and seconded by Hooper to approve the Tentative Agreement reached by the Library's bargaining committee with the Newspaper Guild of Detroit as reflected in a draft agreement dated November 3, 2023, and ratified by the Union membership on Friday, November 24, 2023; passed unanimously

7. Public comment – *Total time not to exceed 30 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker*

8. Director's report: Jenny Marr

Director Marr updated the board on ongoing and upcoming programming and outreach, including a new offsite event at Drifter coffee. The next library print newsletter will be reaching mailboxes next week. Marr updated the board on the library's limited holiday hours which will allow more library staff to take time off during the week between the holidays.

9. Acceptance of expenditures and finance reports for the month of October

A MOTION by Yezbick and seconded by Farrah to accept the finance reports for the month of October; passed unanimously

Acceptance of expenditures and finance reports for the month of November.

A MOTION by Yezbick and seconded by Fazzolara to accept the finance reports for the month of November; passed unanimously

10. Invoice from Daniels and Zermack Architects

A MOTION by Fazzolara and seconded by Hanlin to approve payment to Daniels and Zermack Architects for architectural services for the period of December 1, 2022 through December 2, 2023 in the amount of \$25,526.26; passed unanimously

11. Board Calendar of Events

The financial audit is complete and will be filed with the state by December 31st. The dates for 2024 library board meetings have been announced via the City of Ferndale.

11. Committee reports

A. Art & Exhibitions – Erin

The Art Committee is meeting on January 7th to discuss the next exhibit.

B. Friends of the FPL – Kelly

The Friends are continuing to waive any fees and dues to join the organization. In December, the Friends are doing a “12 days of Giftmas” where after receiving staff input, they are buying gifts that the staff can use to assist in library work. Friend’s swag is currently on sale. The Book It to 5K program is coming back in 2024.

C. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion – Amanda

No report.

D. Finance – Judeen and Kevin

No report.

E. Personnel – Adrienne

No report.

F. Schools –Meghan

Head of Youth Services provided a report of school outreach, see supporting documents.

12. Committee membership appointments as needed

None.

13. Review action items

None.

14. Announcements/comments from board members

Yezbick expresses his gratitude for the support he received from the board after recent family tragedies.

Hooper reported that her family loved watching a recent meteor shower with one of the library’s telescope.

Bartos reminds Hooper that it was Daniel Hooper’s idea for the library to start a library of things.

15. *Closed Session to be convened to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, in accordance with Sec. 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) MCL 15.268.**

A MOTION by Evoy and seconded by Hanlin to enter a closed session at 7:14PM.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bartos, Evoy, Farrah, Fazzolara, Hanlin, Hooper, Yezbick

No: 0

Return from closed session at 8:06PM

13. Adjourn

A MOTION by Evoy and seconded by Hanlin to adjourn at 8:08PM; passed unanimously

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