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Library Board Meeting

Approved Minutes

March 16, 2023 - 6:30 PM

Board Meeting

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Judeen Bartos at 6:30PM.

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 Wright also present. Architect Seth Penchansky arrived 6:35PM.

3. Approval of agenda

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

4. Public comment:

5 non-residents spoke in support of the Ferndale Library Workers Union, 3 of whom expressed skepticism regarding the necessity of the library acquiring legal representation during the collective bargaining process.

5. Minutes: Approve February 16, 2023 regular meeting minutes

A MOTION by Yezbick and seconded by Hanlin to approve minutes from the February 16 meeting as proposed; passed unanimously

Minutes: Approve February 16, 2023 closed session minutes

A MOTION by Farrah and seconded by Yezbick to approve minutes from the closed session on February 16th as proposed; passed unanimously

6. Capital Projects – Penchansky presentation

Seth Penchansky of Daniels and Zermack Architects discussed plans, drawings, timelines, and estimates of multiple capital projects including single stall, gender neutral bathroom additions, repurposing the computer lab to meeting room space, and a courtyard pavilion project. Marr emphasized the need for the projects and reminded the board that only funds previously earmarked for Capital Improvements will be utilized. Penchansky will start bidding out the projects to general contractors.

7. Director's report: Jenny Marr

See supporting documents.

8. Guardian Environmental Services – Contract Renewal

The board discussed renewing an existing maintenance contract for the library's HVAC systems. The cost increased \$200 from the previous year.

A MOTION by Evoy and seconded by Yezbick to approve the proposed planned maintenance contract with Guardian Environmental Services for 2023-24 in the amount of \$9560; passed unanimously.

9. Strategic Planning – Quarterly Review

Marr highlighted the library's increased community outreach efforts and her legislative advocacy work with the Michigan Library Association.

10. FY 2024 budget process continues – board input

No input from the board. Marr mentioned that the library is considering purchasing, with the help of potential sponsors, a book bike for community outreach.

11. Acceptance of expenditures and finance reports for the month of February

A MOTION by Hanlin and seconded by Farrah to accept expenditures and finance reports for the month of February; passed unanimously

12. Board Bylaws/Policies Revision Recommendations: Children and Vulnerable Adults in the Library Policy
Board members will review the policy and revisit its adoption during the April meeting.

13. Board Calendar of Events

14. Committee reports

A. Art & Exhibitions – Erin

The Library purchased the painting *Moby Dick* by local Ferndale artist Mike Ross. The next art exhibit is being installed Saturday and the exhibition will be at the end of the month.

B. Friends of the FPL – Kelly

Total Friends revenue was \$1050 in February. There is an ongoing used book drive at Ferndale Project. Friends meetings have been moved meetings to the 3rd Monday of the month.

C. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion – Amanda

No report

D. Finance – Judeen and Kevin

Report attached.

E. Personnel – Adrienne

Marr will deliver self-evaluation to the board next month.

F. Schools – Meghan

Library staff continues extensive outreach to FPS and a local cooperative preschool.

15. ***Closed Session to be convened – For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing, in accordance with Sec. 8(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) MCL 15.268.

A MOTION by Yezbick and seconded by Evoy to enter a closed session at 8:05PM.

Roll call vote:

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

No: 0

Returned from closed session at 9:27PM

16. Committee membership appointments as needed

None.

17. Review action items

None.

18. Announcements/comments from board members

Fazzolara noted that she loves the PageTurner newsletter and architectural proposals.

19. Adjourn

A MOTION by Evoy and seconded by Hanlin to adjourn at 9:32pm; passed unanimously.

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