

## **APPROVED**

### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHIPPEWA RIVER DISTRICT LIBRARY JANUARY 17, 2023**

Members present were R. Helwig, L. Laskowsky, C. Doyle, R. Barrett, E. Freling; Director C. Friedrich and Finance Director K. Ellison

Members absent were Chair T. Delia, K. Mora and B. Webb

R. Helwig called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

#### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

R. Barrett moved to approve the agenda of January 17, 2023. Motion seconded by C. Doyle. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

E. Freling moved to approve the minutes of November 15, 2022 for both the regular and closed meetings. Motion seconded by L. Laskowsky. Motion carried.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The check disbursements and financial statement for November and December 2022 were discussed and placed on file.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments received or offered.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Corey Friedrich reported on the following:

- Circulation stats – circulation was up overall compared to 2021.
- Computer stats – internet and wireless sessions were up compared to 2021.
- Programming highlights – many programs were provided for children, teens, and adults. 2022 felt like the most “normal” since the pandemic, and the numbers reflect that.
- Air-conditioning unit at VML – the A/C contractor has ordered the construction of the new unit which will take approximately 22 weeks to build.
- Roof at TML – the roof has been completed.
- Strategic plan update – all 2022 goals were completed except the multi-lingual welcome brochures which have been added to 2023.
- Awareness campaign – will begin a new campaign to accelerate the public’s return to our libraries.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance and facilities – Nothing to report.

Personnel and Policy – Nothing to report.

Art – Nothing to report.

## **LIBRARY TRENDS AND UPDATES**

C. Friedrich discussed the new trend of patrons being barefoot in libraries.

## **OTHER**

1. 2023 Meeting Dates
  - a. Board meetings will remain on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
  - b. Committee meetings
    - Personnel & Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
    - Finance & Facilities – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
    - Art – as needed.

## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES UPDATE**

There are a few new board members, including Judy Czarnecki as president. A couple of event highlights; The Big Top event will be February 10<sup>th</sup> and the joint rummage/book sale will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Audobon will be collaborating with the friends to provide a couple of bird watching backpacks.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

R. Helwig adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Ellison, Finance Director