

## **APPROVED**

### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHIPPEWA RIVER DISTRICT LIBRARY JANUARY 16, 2024**

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

Members absent were R. Barrett and K. LaLonde

R. Helwig called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

E. Freling moved to approve the agenda of January 16, 2024. Motion seconded by B. Webb. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

C. Doyle moved to approve the minutes of November 21, 2023. Motion seconded by L. Laskowsky. Motion carried.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The check disbursements and financial statement for November and December 2023 were discussed and placed on file.

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

Corey Friedrich reported on the following:

- Circulation stats – circulation was down.
- Computer stats – internet and wireless sessions were up.
- Programming highlights – the number of programs increased by 126 with an increase in attendance of 1,829.
- Projects from 2023 – many projects were completed in 2023 including painting, a new roof and air conditioning unit at VML. TML received a new roof, FJML received a new HVAC system, and rodents were evicted from FTCL. The Mt. Pleasant StoryWalk in was completed.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance and facilities – discussed the process for starting the new annex building.

Personnel and Policy – Director's evaluation has been completed.

Art – Nothing to report.

## **LIBRARY TRENDS AND UPDATES**

1. Different ways in which libraries are addressing book bans and policies.
2. Copyright and how people have the wrong ideas about it.
3. A few states are requiring new buildings eliminate fossil fuels. Libraries are circulating induction cooktops/cookware.

## **OTHER**

1. Election of officers (2024-2025 term)
  - a. E. Freling nominated R. Helwig for President. Motion seconded by L. Laskowsky. Motion carried.
  - b. L. Laskowsky nominated E. Freling for Vice-President. Motion seconded by K. Mora. Motion carried.
  - c. B. Webb nominated K. Mora for Secretary. Motion seconded by E. Freling. Motion carried.
  - d. E. Freling nominated L. Laskowsky for Treasurer. Motion seconded by C. Doyle. Motion carried.
2. 2024 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 LIBRARY UPDATE**

B. Webb reported that Paleo Joe will be at SCL on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

R. Helwig reported that the VML friends elected new board members. Members will be volunteering at the Under the Big Top event on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The joint book/rummage sale with the Zonta Club will be April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments received or offered.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

R. Helwig adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Ellison, Finance Director