

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHIPPEWA RIVER DISTRICT LIBRARY APRIL 16, 2024

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

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

R. Barrett moved to approve the agenda of April 16, 2024. Motion seconded by L. Laskowsky. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

K. Mora moved to approve the minutes of March 19, 2024. Motion seconded by C. Doyle. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The check disbursements and financial statement for March 2024 were discussed and placed on file.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Corey Friedrich reported on the following:

- Circulation stats – e-collections were up and circulation was down in most locations
- Computer stats – wireless and internet sessions were down.
- Programming stats – attendance was down.
- Programming highlights – March was full of events with the highlight of hosting Karen Dionne, author of The Marsh King's Daughter at the True Crime Club.
- New library annex – still waiting for RFP responses from architectural firms.
- Annual audit – FY23 audit began the end of March.
- Strategic plan update – nothing to report this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and facilities – Nothing to report

Personnel and policy – Nothing to report

Art – Nothing to report

LIBRARY TRENDS AND UPDATES

AI authors have become an issue, the collections team is not interested in purchasing items from any AI author.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

R. Barrett moved to approve the budget amendments as presented. Motion seconded by E. Freling. Motion carried.

STAFF UPDATES

Emma Stempky will begin as the new FJML page on May 13th.

OTHER

- A retirement open house will be held for former board member, Tom Delia, after the June meeting.
- There will be trustee training after the May meeting.
- Michelle Sponseller from the city contacted the library about moving the iRide bus shelter from downtown to outside the library. The board agreed to house the bus shelter where the current bus signs are currently located.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES UPDATE

B. Webb reported that the SCL friends are disbanding due to low membership.

R. Helwig reported that the joint rummage/book sale raised \$797 for the VML friends. The next book sale will be Saturday, June 15th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

There were no public comments received or offered.

ADJOURNMENT

R. Helwig adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Ellison, Finance Director