

## **APPROVED**

### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHIPPEWA RIVER DISTRICT LIBRARY AUGUST 20, 2024**

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

Members absent were K. Mora, C. Doyle, and R. Barrett

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

#### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

K. LaLonde moved to approve the agenda of August 20, 2024. Motion seconded by E. Freling. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

K. LaLonde moved to approve the minutes of June 18, 2024. Motion seconded by L. Laskowsky. Motion carried.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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

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

Corey Friedrich reported on the following:

- Circulation stats – a couple of branches were down and all others were either up or remained flat.
- Computer stats – wireless and internet sessions were up.
- Programming stats – attendance was up 76%.
- Programming highlights – gaming camp, Petoskey stone polishing, and the SRC finale were the highlights for this period.
- New library annex – met with the architect from Studio GC to tour the buildings and go over a preliminary timeline.
- SCL repairs – a mason has been hired to replace or repair damaged bricks on the exterior of the building.
- FTCL pests – pest control was hired to remove a snake from the building.
- Community interest in library services – a resident from Lincoln Township and a township official from Broomfield Township inquired how they could get library services for their residents.
- New library of things – used the MMLC grant to purchase 18 Roku devices as well as streaming subscriptions to add to them.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance and facilities – Nothing to report.

Personnel and policy – Nothing to report.

Art – Nothing to report.

## **LIBRARY TRENDS AND UPDATES**

- Louisiana introduced legislation that could prohibit libraries from spending public funds on anything related to ALA.
- State legislature forced Utah Schools to remove a number of books from its collection.
- Virginia held a program where the library partnered with Virginia Tech to present their research projects to the local community.

## **STAFF UPDATES**

We recently hired a page and substitute for VML and a page for FJML.

## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES UPDATE**

R. Helwig reported that the annual book sale will be held October 1 – 5. They will also be meeting with C. Friedrich to discuss the 2025 special requests.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Discussed in the Director's report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

R. Helwig adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Ellison, Finance Director