Fruitport District Library Board of Directors

Regular Meeting

Wednesday July 19th, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President R. Dillon at 5:41pm.

Present: R. Dillon, G. Bo, A. Dudas, L. Oldt, J Rule. B. Overkamp arrived at 6:16pm.

Others in attendance were: Director Matt Lubbers-Moore, and Bill Weimer.

Agenda – Accepted as presented.

**Public Comments:** None

**Reports**

**Secretary’s Report:** Motion by J. Rule and supported by L. Oldt to accept minutes as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Library Report:** The Director’s written report was provided to the Board. Director Matt highlighted discussion on how the great summer reading program is going with already more people involved than last year. Highest number of patrons to the library ever this month of 2,045. Matt went with Pat and Jessica and the Lakeland library to the American Library Association Convention in Chicago with cost of $80.00 each. Summer reading kickoff was June 17, 2023 with 39 library patrons.

**Treasurer’s Report:** A review of financial information was presented by President R. Dillon.

$8,239.37 - All monthly invoices

$ 148.27 - Bill Weimer and Lowes

$8,387.64 - Total Monthly Invoices to be approved

Motion by G. Bo and supported by L. Oldt to pay invoices in the amount of $8,387.64. Motion passed unanimous by roll call vote.

**Old Business**

Continued discussion on new library location. B. Overkamp discussed cost of the location near the Farr Road was to be around $150,000 along with cost of building a road, clearing ($15,000), and bringing in fill (unknown cost). He states under parking lot retention pond to cost around $50,000 upon research. R. Dillon discussed Matt Slagle with Tower Pinkster is going to be presenting some ideas about keeping library where it is with an addition. He has a three phase idea that he will present to the board in the future. Concern about an elevator and cost with regular checks was made by R. Dillon. Discussed keeping at current location or moving more centralized in community by R. Dillon. Discussed still looking for locations and discussing options for a new library with agreement to continue the search.

Hiring of Library Assistant

Tina Maxwell as of 7/10/2023, 10-15 hours, $13.00 p/h

Motion by J. Rule and supported by L Oldt to hire Tina Maxwell with hire date of July 10, 2023 and wage at $13.00 per hour. Motion passed unanimous by roll call vote.

**New Business**

Director Matt will be attending conference in Dayton Ohio next month and requesting reimbursement of gas for the trip. He went last year and found it more useful then the Michigan conference due to focus on small local libraries over large establishments. A motion was made by R. Dillon to reimburse Matt for the gas he uses to travel to and from Dayton Ohio conference and supported by J. Rule. Motion passed unanimous by roll call vote.

J. Rule asked if as directors we are supposed to be doing more when we visit the library. R. Dillon states we have no obligation to volunteer or work at the library through our board position.

**Public Comments:** None

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:17 p.m. by J. Rule and supported by G. Bo. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Dudas – Substitute Note Taker for 7/19/2023 meeting.