

MENOMINEE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes January 14, 2020

Approved: February 11, 2020

C. Peterson called the meeting of the Menominee County Library Board to order at 4:00 PM on Tuesday January 14, 2020

Present: C. Peterson, M. Fagan, J. Freis, A. Rivard and Commissioner J. Hafeman.

M. Fagan moved to approve the agenda, support by A. Rivard. Motion carried.

Public Participation:

Nancy Tuistra requested information from the Library Board and County Commissioners about what was the current plan for the upcoming millage so that the Friends of the Library could help. She also asked for clarification about what will happen to the library and library services if the millage does not pass.

J. Freis moved to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2019 meeting as corrected, support by M. Fagan. Motion carried.

J. Freis moved to approve the November and December financials, support by A. Rivard. Motion carried.

M. Fagan moved to approve the December and January bills, support by J. Freis. Motion carried.

Director's Report

The Display case has information on the importance of literacy education and the library programs that support family efforts to improve reading skills. We have Cabin Fever Family day scheduled for February 8th. We have added a repeat of our Friday Storytime for Saturday morning. The Frankly Science program will be continued on Saturdays.

The Friends hosted an Open House/Staff Appreciation held at both the Main Library and Hermansville Branch. We received lots of positive comments on the new shelf arrangements at the main library.

Amanda is presenting a program at the bi-annual Rural Library Conference, in April. This conference will be held in Traverse City. As a presenter, her registration and the hotel costs will be covered by the conference.

New Business:

Discussion on the March 10th millage. The vote yes poster created by the Friends of the Library was shared. Discussion of the spending limits for supporting the millage. C. Peterson stated the Jason Carviou, County Administrator will be discussing the millage at the Township Meeting on January 23, 2020 at Nadeau Township hall.

Discussion on changes from the Superiorland Library Cooperative on web site support for 2020. The Co-op has presented 2 options to replace Joomla for the member libraries. WordPress or Ploud. Menominee County Library will migrate to a Ploud website. There is a slightly higher cost (about \$250.00 annual) but there is more training and support. Plus the Ploud interface allows for more local control and was created for library applications. Over 90 libraries in Michigan currently use Ploud with more expected to migrate in 2020. The Library of Michigan provides technical support and also handles the push updates for MeL (Michigan Electronic Library databases and indexes). Amanda and Heather will attend training in May and the updated website will be rolled out this summer.

J. Freis moved to approve M. Fagan's "Book Shower" as a Library fundraiser, support A. Rivard. Motion carried.

Public Participation: C. Peterson on behalf of the Library Board expressed gratitude and thanks to both Larry Schei and Joan Freis for their service on the Library Board.

The Library Board went into closed session to discuss the evaluation of Director Winnicki.

As there was no further business, M. Fagan moved to adjourn the meeting, support by A. Rivard. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Submitted by: Amanda Winnicki, Library Director