

MENOMINEE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes March 13, 2018

Approved: April 10, 2018

C. Peterson called the meeting of the Menominee County Library Board to order at 4:03 PM on Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

Present: C. Peterson, J. Freis, M. Fagan, N. Tuinstra, and Commissioner L. Schei.
Excused: K. McNeely

N. Tuinstra moved to approve the agenda, support by M. Fagan. Motion carried.

Public Participation: Gina Thompson, the new Bookmobile Assistant was introduced and welcomed.

N. Tuinstra moved to approve the minutes as corrected from the February 13, 2018 meeting, support by M. Fagan. Motion carried.

J. Freis moved to approve the February financials, support from M. Fagan. Motion carried.

J. Freis moved to approve the March bills, support by N. Tuinstra. Motion carried.

Director's Report

Pat Cheski submitted a written report on the February meeting of Superiorland Library Cooperative, which was shared with the Board.

Main Library: We have a display of decorated eggs in the display case. Our new staff has been hired. Gina Thompson is the new Bookmobile Assistant and she started Monday March 12, 2018. Heather Harris is the Library Assistant and she will start March 19, 2018. Our participation in the tax season is heavier this year due in part to last minute changes in the tax code and because several local Post Offices no longer distribute tax forms.

Bookmobile: The manufacturer has the chassis and started construction. We have picked out interior fabrics. The delivery is on schedule for early June. We have asked the public for new name suggestions.

Hermansville: Ann Murray is scheduled to attend the Beginning Librarianship workshop in May. She has been working on the Summer Reading Program. We are working on a rotation schedule to ensure that all new books get rotated though both the Hermansville branch and on the bookmobile.

Programing: Our new "Book Chat" on the 3rd Friday at 8 am is the public part of our staff meeting. Library staff each provide brief book review and we share with patrons who join us. March is reading month. We are reading the Michigan Ready to Read book "I got the Rhythm" by Connie Schofield-Morrison at school and library story times. The Easter Rabbit/Community Egg Hunt will be on March 24 on the library lawn. Pajama Storytime is scheduled for Tuesday April 10. This is a family program in the evening with 4-H Youth Leadership Council reading books. Our regular programs; biweekly Lego Club and Friday morning Toddler Story times are well attended.

Friends: The Friends are purchasing 2 tablets that will replace the “childrens” computers. They are helping to fund the summer reading program.

Volunteers: 32 hours were given by various volunteers in March.

Building and Grounds: New fire extinguishers and signs have been installed. Jim Mekash installed a gutter across the front door which has helped eliminate the ice buildup in front of the drop box.

Old Business:

A. M. Fagan moved to approve the updated Bylaws. Seconded by N. Tuinstra.

Motion carried.

New Business

- A. Discussion of the 5 year Technology Plan was tabled.
- B. The Friends will help with an open house when the new bookmobile is delivered. We are collecting suggestions for a new name.
- C. J. Freis moved that Menominee County Library joins as a partner to with the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition and that the Director will complete and sign the application. Seconded by M. Fagan. Motion carried.

Public Participation: Gina Thompson was glad that the Library joined the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition and she is looking forward to her new job at the Library.

As there was no further business, N. Tuinstra moved to adjourn the meeting. Support by M. Fagan. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Submitted by:

Amanda Winnicki, Library Director