MENOMINEE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes Special Meeting May 20, 2020

Approved: July 1, 2020

C. Peterson called the Special Meeting of the Menominee County Library Board to order at 4:00 PM on Wednesday May 20, 2020

Present: C. Peterson, M. Fagan, A. Rivard, A. Rock and Commissioner J. Hafeman. Excused J. Slavick

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

Public Participation: no comments from the public

C. Peterson moved to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2020, support by M. Fagan. Motion carried.

M. Fagan moved to approve the March financials, support by A. Rock. Motion carried.

M. Fagan moved to approve the April and May bills, support by A. Rivard. Motion carried.

Director's Report

COVID-19 and the state wide orders have closed the library since March 16. We ran curbside deliveries until March 23 when we closed completely. Library Staff was paid through May 2 and then placed on unpaid furlough. With the reopening of region 8, library staff will be back to work on May 26.

During the closure I have completed the adult non-fiction inventory and worked on multiple grants. We were awarded $980 from LSTA funds for summer reading, the window to spend this money has been extended through December 2020 and can be used for literacy programing. The pandemic crisis has made it clear that one of our area's biggest issues is the lack of connectivity to the internet. With that in mind I have written several grants and started talking with staff at Northern Michigan University with the big picture goal to have public Wi-Fi available at all township halls in Menominee County. M&M Community Foundation awarded $5,000 to the Library in their spring grant cycle and I will continue to work on this issue.

The Friends group has approval for their spring plant sale. "Library in Bloom" will be held on June 6 from 9-2 in front of the library. Railroad Street will be closed from the north library property line to Roberts street.

Summer Reading and other planned in-person programs are currently on hold. We are partnering with the Superiorland Library Cooperative to offer some virtual programming with Michigan based authors.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Hafeman provided information on the county's re-opening plan and the budget process for fiscal year 2020/21. She notes that this current crisis has created many challenges but the library is on stable ground with the millage fund designating money specifically for the library.

Old Business:

Library meeting schedule was discussed and A. Rivard moved cancel the June meeting support by M. Fagan. Motion carried. Next Library Board meeting will be July 1 and Director Winnicki will set up remote access if conditions warrant.

New Business:

COVID-19 Library Reopening Plans: Library Board discussed and reviewed the phased reopening plan as presented. Approved by consensus, Director Winnicki will continue to implement all recommended safe practices for library materials and directions on public interactions. Library staff will abide by all County policies, procedures, and rules.

Draft Budget: Library Board discussed the draft budget for fiscal year 2020/21. There have been a few line items renamed and as this is the first year with a dedicated library fund. Most line items remain flat with similar requests as last year prior to the cuts. Draft budget was approved by consensus.

Public Participation: Larry Schei appreciated being able to attend the meeting remotely.

As there was no further business, M. Fagan moved to adjourn the meeting, support by A. Rivard. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM.

Submitted by: Amanda Winnicki, Library Director