

FRASER PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 14, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called at 4:05 by President Hoeft.

ATTENDANCE: President-Marlene Hoeft, Vice President-Mike Wettstein, Treasurer-Kyle Burley, Secretary-Tina Bullis, Trustee- Mary Ann Kuechle, Trustee-Jim Sutherland, and Library Director-Lorena McDowell. All present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The January 2022 meeting minutes were filed. Member Bullis motioned to accept; it was seconded by Member Wettstein. All in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Hoeft spoke with Jim Walsh from Faulman and Walsh Funeral Home in Fraser, MI about the cemetery on our property. His opinion on building onto library grounds would be to NOT disturb the fenced-in area with headstones, only.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Statistics Report includes numbers for the current year, last year and month in 2019. We are reporting numbers consistently the same, or better, than pre-Covid. Programming numbers are very strong, as the library continues to provide virtual programs to their patrons.

With the spike in Covid declining, the library has reopened its doors to the Public. Curbside Laptop Use continues to be available outside the building to those requesting it beginning 1-31-22.

Audience interactions show women prefer Facebook over Instagram.

Alex is in the process to be a notary public for the library.

The budget used is 61% to date.

A Zoom meeting was held on Friday, January 11, 2022 with the city manager, Lorena, and Marlene to discuss the current library building, repairs needed, inadequate parking, and a possible future millage increase. The city supported the idea of the library moving to the bank building. We would like city council to come and tour the library building. The city and the library decided to scrap the recent purchase agreement. Lorena commented that some elements of the agreement may be written into a new draft. The option of a Bond proposal on the May 2022 ballot to support moving the library into the bank building is feasible.

The next meeting will include the city, Library, Lawyer and Realtor. Jim would like to stand in on the meeting and purchasing of the building. No date has been set yet.

Tim Sadowski has stepped back into his former position, temporarily, following the departure of the previous bookkeeper.

The library is open and back in person, however, virtual options are still available.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None at this time.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORT'S:

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE meetings have set a scheduled date on the 24th of every month. The next meeting will be February 24 2022.

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

Lorena will send out a time for the next Zoom meeting. If you are able to attend, let her know.

OLD BUSINESS: The building has been sprayed again for molds. We have not retested yet.

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: Representatives from Friends of the Library attended to support the library. The next Friends meeting will be February 23rd

Jim thanked Friends, Nancy and Karen, for their support, hard work and attendance.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting ended at 5:30. Motioned by Member Kuechle, seconded by Member Sutherland. All in favor.

Respectively submitted,

Tina Bullis, Fraser Public Library Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING: MARCH 21, 2022

Keep warm with kindness

