

FRASER PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 15, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:15pm.

ATTENDANCE: Vice President-Mike Wettstein, Treasurer-Kyle Burley, Secretary-Tina Bullis, Trustees- MaryAnn Kuehle, Jim Sutherland. Director: Lorena McDowell. Excused: President-Marlene Hoeft.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Member Sutherland to approve the April minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Kuehle. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: Friends supporter, Karen Arendal promoted the Spring Fling on Saturday, May 20th between 10:00-2:00. The Library grounds will host a petting zoo, face painting, raffle baskets and fun for the community.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The new Printer and phone lines provide better service and are more cost effective. The change has increased the internet speed from 150 to 380 Mbps. The change over of the lines will cause inaccuracy of door count numbers for April and May. We received a great response for Bookflix. Staff believe they have found a better system to track HOLDS to and from FPL. The importance of the number totals help determine the amount of funding the library will receive from the state government for the next fiscal year.

The Library has set aside money to cover financial expenses for this year. We are expecting a shortfall of approximately \$50,000.

Michigan Class fund offers daily liquidity and is earning 5% daily.

The Board discussed the possibility of purchasing the Fraser Library Building from the city. Member Sutherland attended the last City Council meeting and reported Council's interest/concerns in selling the building to the FPL. A vote was

taken to approve the amended Real Estate Purchase Agreement (5/15/23).
Majority in favor, 3-2.

NEW BUILDING CONCERNS: Sewage back-up caused the library building to be CLOSED for 2 days. The floor and wall upstairs have large cracks in them. You can see light through the floor. We have, again, had birds in the building.

The library staff will receive the new addition of an intern for the next 3 months. We are seeking to fill part time positions.

Reindel True Value Hardware Store and Fraser Star Lanes are for sale. Council members are looking into current ownership of the bowling alley.

Cookies and Questions event has been set at the Fraser Lions Club on June 20th. Tuesday evening will begin at 6:30pm. Questions committee will meet, again, in June at a time to be determined. Set up time to connect with the community will be at 5:00pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing at this time.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The Board will continue looking into building, and available land options within the city.

Member Wettstein announced that he will not seek reelection for his seat.

ADJOURNMENT: Member Sutherland motioned to close the meeting at 5:30. Motion was seconded by Member Burley. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Bullis, Fraser Public Library- Secretary

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 19TH 4:00

