

## **FRASER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 18, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by President Hoeft at 4:01pm.

**ROLL CALL:** President-Marlene Hoeft, Vice President- Michael Wettstein, Secretary-Tina Bullis, Treasurer-Kyle Burley, Trustee-Kathryn Parrott, Trustee-Mary Ann Kuechle and Library Director-Lorena McDowell. All present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Member Kuchle motioned to approve the August meeting minutes, seconded by Member Wettstein. All in favor.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Member Hoeft has reached out to several contractors for repair to the library building. She has not had any response yet. The New Baltimore Library is suing the city for their building issues.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Statistics continue to grow as Patrons are coming into the building. The library building had to be closed in September due to building issues. Tree roots, at the property line in the sewer, were the cause of the bathroom to backup. Kanopy is well received and very popular. The Friends Fall Festival, September 18<sup>th</sup> was a great success with 730 patrons. The library is serving the same amount of Holds to Fraser Library and From Fraser Library.

We have used 25% of our budget for the fiscal year. 2 Heat exchangers have been replaced by Gillette Heating and Cooling. Funds, reserved from SLC, were used to pay for that repair. We expect to receive State Aid in April and July.

All staffing positions are filled. A new bookkeeper will replace Tim Sadowski. The part-time position has been filled and starts 10/20/21.

The 2020/2021 Revenue Report lists a variety of income received by the library. Fiscally Accountable, the Library counted, tracked and recorded the \$30,000 received for the year.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None at this time.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** None at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:** The Strategic Planning Committee will schedule a meeting to discuss the Library's Future Goals. They will review demographics, community partnerships, and how to increase library patrons/cards.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The city has NOT installed the free library into Sommerset Park.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A wooden library chair was purchased from an estate sale from a former library employee. It is a B.L. Marble chairs from the 1940's, probably used in the original St. John School. It will be a nice piece of history to have in our building.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** The library had 4 guests at the meeting. Representing the Friends of the Library were: Ellen Bryans, Karen Wilson and Nancy Ehrke. The Friends group consists of 20 members. They questioned why the roof has not been replaced since it leaked 6 months after the last repair. Unable to use our building upstairs, and lack of storage has made Book Sale events inefficient. The Friends would like to have a fundraising event within the community (ex: food tasting, dinner event). James (Jim) Sutherland attended the meeting to support the library. He would like to share library information and needs with his wife, Dana Sutherland. Jim stated his wife was unable to attend the meeting due to family obligations. Jim would like to be a write in candidate for the FPL Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 by Member Bullis, seconded by Member Wettstein.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 8, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

Respectively submitted,

TinaMarie Bullis-Fraser Library Board Secretary