

FRASER PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 2023

Attendance: President-Marlene Hoeft, Vice-President-Mike Wettstein, Treasurer-Kyle Burley, Secretary-Tina Bullis, Trustees-MaryAnn Kuechle and Jim Sutherland. Director: Lorena McDowell. All members present.

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm.

A motion was made by Member Hoeft to approve the November 2022 and Special Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Wettstein. All in favor, motion passes.

A motion was made to amend the agenda for a special presentation on the annual financial report from Gabridge and Co from Member Hoeft. The motion was seconded by Member Kuechle. All in favor.

The Auditor's Report was presented by Ian Rees at 4:10pm.

*The assets of the Library exceeded its liabilities with a net increase of \$25,494 for the fiscal year. The fund balance is 74.3% of its total Expenses. The Fraser Public Library received the best opinion that a Library can receive.

President's Report: Member Hoeft attended *Robert's Rule Bootcamp*. Marlene shared information from the class, and the fundamental guidelines to a group.

Director's Report: New Patrons have been steadily increasing. Statistics are recovering from effects of Covid. Current HOLDS information cannot be measured by the Polaris system. The library continues to provide programs for all ages. Program turn outs continue to increase monthly.

The library did receive local stabilization and state aid revenues. Our State Aid has increased. The library budget is 56.78% to date.

There is a hole in the roof over the reference desk. The city came out and patched the area. The original roof was completed by the city and is not warrantied.

A motion was made by Member Sutherland for the Library Director to acquire Financial projection information for a potential 13 Mile Rd. library site. Motion was seconded by Member Hoeft. All in favor, motion passes.

Library funds transferred from a money market to Michigan Class have been successful.

Raising the minimum wage will increase staffing wages. All positions will receive an increase accordingly.

Treasurer's Report: There will be amendments to the budget coming up soon.

Secretary's Report: Thank you notes will be sent for donations.

Committee Reports: None at this time.

Old Business: Verify the doors on the Free Library were reattached at Somerset Park.

New Business: The Board will meet with City Council representatives at the library on 2/2/23 at 6:00 pm.

Citizen Participation: Friends of the Library President, Karen Arendall, stated citizens do not feel the city council should be running the library. There are elected library board members for the Fraser Public Library.

The Friends association will be having a luncheon at Ram's Horn on 2/16/23 at 12:00. A book sale will be hosted in the Spring.

A motion was made by Member Wettstein to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 pm. Motion was seconded by Member Bullis. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Bullis
Fraser Public Library, Secretary