

FRASER PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Fraser Star Lanes graciously offered the Fraser Library to hold the June Board Meeting in their public building, which provided plenty of room for citizens to attend. The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.

ATTENDANCE: President-Marlene Hoeft, Vice President-Mike Wettstein, Treasurer-Kyle Burley, Secretary-Tina Bullis, Trustees-MaryAnn Kuechle, James Sutherland, and Director-Lorena McDowell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Member Bullis to accept the May minutes with amendment corrections. Motion seconded by Member Burley. All in favor. The motion to accept the May Regular minutes was made by Member Burley and seconded by Member Wettstein. All in favor. A motion was made by Member Bullis to accept the May Budget Hearing minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Wettstein. All in favor. Member Burley motioned by accepting the minutes from the Special Meeting-June 7, 2023. Member Sutherland seconded. All in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The library was closed temporarily to the public during May with sewage back up in the building, and on May 21, 2023 due to a car crashing into the building early that morning. The library building remains closed until a temporary location is found.

DIRECTORS REPORT: At this time, it will be difficult to track materials since books have been circulated through other Cooperative libraries. Our statistics for MELCAT collections and State Aid will not be affected. May Statistics are impressively higher than last year despite the challenges the Library has faced. Programming at the library remains one of the best ways to serve the community.

Local Community Stabilization Share funds are more than projected. The library lost a lot in May with the crash. The building was closed and room rentals had to be canceled. Member Hoefft motioned to approve amended budget. The motion was seconded by Member Kuechle. All in favor.

We have the resignation of 2 staff members because of relocating. The library staff has been safely working to label books for the new location and/or storage. The library owns 60,000 items and will bring 12,000 to the new site. Storage will be in Oxford, MI. They are working at the north end of the building. No staff is allowed by the hole.

The destruction of the building has destroyed the newly purchased printer, multiple computers and storage devices. The new phone lines are being cleaned by Prism. Accudry will clean books from debris and dust. Library Design will remove the shelving, and also install the Book Drops at our new location. A portion of the circulation desk can be taken to the new location.

Fraser Square Plaza, 15240 and 15260 15 Mile Road, will be the new temporary library location. The Library hopes phone lines, internet, and Wifi to be functioning by mid July. The butterfly bench will be moved to the new location where outdoor programs can be provided.

President Hoefft opened discussions on the costs for the repairs and purchase of a future library building. A spreadsheet was presented with 3 different options. Questions from citizen participation:

Erica Zutz: Asked the board to explain why the PNC Bank building is not available to purchase.

Michael Cavanaugh: Representing Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church; Has an interest in the purchase of the building.

Rose Claus: Asked why bonding was denied for a library building if city Fireworks were rubber stamped by the council.

Resident questions were addressed by board members. They can also address questions to the City Council. The Library invited the community to

join them at the Fraser Lions Club on Tuesday for Cookies and Questions with the Board. The planned event will provide clarity as to future library plans, allowing open discussions with the community.

Member Burley motioned to sign the signed purchase agreement with the City. Member Sutherland seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken by the board, 4-2. Motion passes.

Member Hoeft motioned to approve the scheduled dates for the 2023-2024 Board meetings. Member Kuechle seconded the motion. All in favor. The calendar for the year is posted. Everyone is welcome to attend.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None at this time.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cookies and Questions: The event will take place at the Fraser Lions Club on Tuesday, June 20th at 6:30 pm. The evening will begin with a look at the Fraser Library's past, present, and future goals. Board members and Director will be there to answer any citizen concerns and questions. The night will follow up with light refreshments. We hope for a great turn out.

The Friends of the Library will be having a fundraiser at the Rams Horn on June 29th. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Friends. Please join us from 5pm-8pm.

Thank you SLC and Roseville Public Library for stepping up to serve our patrons and store our books.

A motion was made by Member Burley to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Member Wettstein. All in favor. Adjournment at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Bullis-Secretary

