

Library Board Meeting 12/21/17

Members Present: Elaine Ebeling; Leigh Rupinski; Margaret Wheeler; Carol Scholten; Patti Walcott

Members Absent: Barb VanderVeen; Lenore Cook

Also present: Bethany Nettleton

Director's Report

- Library was closed due to power/internet/phone outage over the past weekend (caused by sewer work)
 - Did not call a mis-dig
- Currently library having water leak (fire suppression system) and furnace (sensor malfunction) issues
 - No materials have been damaged
 - If furnace issues turn out to be related to power outage/sewer work they would have to pay
- Library will need a new server – needs to be replaced due to age
 - \$2500 estimate
 - Notified Township already
- Budget was not realistic previously – overspending
- Grant money used for audiovisual materials
- Donation received for \$2500 from a Foundation
 - Library staff has asked for new ergonomic chairs
 - Bethany knows someone at Herman Miller that might help them get discounts on chairs (5 chairs total)
 - Fire Department would get the old chairs because they don't have any
 - Should leave money over
 - Also need a new server
- Holiday hours
 - Closed Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1, 2
 - Vote: approved unanimously
- Old Board by-laws found
 - Margaret will work on edits to propose for next meeting
- Lakeland report of collections usage
 - Unclear which collections are which by title (double Spanish collections; children's numbers do not match)
- Township should know who owns the vacant lot next to the library
- Possibility to add a playground by the room for the library expansion
- Evaluations coming up for staff
 - Bethany will meet with Rob to get his input
- Information Rob provided in reports
 - Upcoming events/programming
 - Attendance at past events/programming
 - Statistics for materials

- Grant possibilities
- Bethany's report on planned events:
 - With elementary school, partnered for an author visit from Michigan Reads (April)
 - Money program for kids also sponsored by the state (April)
 - Magician visit in the spring
 - Getting movies back on track
 - History speakers
 - Crafts
 - Events for adults – starting to plan
 - The multipurpose room is often booked up
- Bethany sent the events for January to the Announcer as well as news of her hiring
- Margaret: set up a meet-and-greet with Bethany and the community in the New Year (“New Year, New Books, New Director”)
- Bethany: push donations for the library
- Rob's 50-for-50 program (donate \$50 when the library turned 50)– put a name on a plaque – may never have been completed –50 years was 2017
 - Can put out a last push to donate before its finish
- Bethany has only received a couple of applications for Board member vacancy – will post on Facebook and the webpage
- Push Friends of the Library in the new year
 - Need to mirror the model from the previous effort to make this building
- Who could we talk to about improving signage for the building?
- We will meet again on January 18th then will move to a every two-to-three month schedule