

**CITY OF ESCANABA**  
**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES**  
April 24, 2023

A meeting of the Escanaba Public Library Board of Trustees was held on April 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers. The meeting was called to order at 5:05p.m.

**PRESENT:** Christina Economopolus, Lynn Soderberg, Kathleen Cibula, Priscilla Green, Tyler Dubord  
Carolyn Stacey

**ABSENT:** Tammy Wiles

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL/CORRECTIONS(S) TO MINUTES:** The minutes of the March 2023 meeting were accepted on consensus.

**APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** The agenda was accepted on consensus, with the addition of the item, "Board Re-appointments" under New Business at the request of the Director.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Financial reports and use measures were reviewed. Budget adoption takes place at the May 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. No further changes have been made to the budget that was submitted. April programs and promotions were reviewed: 92 students and community members attended the Jazz Band concert on April 14; 275+ AARP tax assistance sessions were provided this year; National Library Week is being promoted from April 23 – 29<sup>th</sup> with radio and TV appearance and social media campaign. The theme is *There's More to the Story*. The director participated in the following professional development activities: Public Library Impact and Response Session – Online, 2/21/23 & 3/21/23; Superiorland Professional Development Committee, Grants Committee. The Friends of the Library are planning the Ice Cream Social for June 1<sup>st</sup> to coincide with Children's performer, Cameron Zvara. A book sale and bookmobile tours will be featured. The Friends are continuing work on garden restoration, Ludington Street sign and Little Free Libraries projects. The Annual Meeting is set for May 10<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A) Board Re-Appointments: The roster of Trustee appointments was reviewed. The terms of Trustees Wiles and Soderberg expire in June, 2023. Soderberg is eligible for a second term and declared her intent to be re-appointed. Wiles is not eligible for another term and will complete her board service in May, 2023.

B) Mobile Outreach Service Launch: The director reported on the progress of implementing outreach services and the plan for launching the service. At present, the collection is fully loaded and the technology is 90% ready. The plan is to feature the bookmobile at community events this spring and summer to introduce it to the community. In the fall and winter months, it will transition to serving senior care facilities and early childhood education sites. The Mobile Services Committee met and brainstormed a list of events for the bookmobile to visit this summer, starting with the Great Start FunFest on April 26<sup>th</sup>. A handout listing the schedule for the bookmobile and providing brief facts about the project was reviewed.


**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:29p.m. on consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Carolyn Stacey, Library Director

Approved,

  
Lynn Soderberg, Vice- Chair