

CITY OF ESCANABA
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
May 22, 2023

A meeting of the Escanaba Public Library Board of Trustees was held on May 22, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers. The meeting was called to order at 5:05p.m.

PRESENT: Tammy Wiles, Christina Economopolus, Lynn Soderberg, Priscilla Green, Tyler Dubord
Carolyn Stacey

ABSENT: Kathleen Cibula

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: The agenda was accepted on consensus.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: ADMINISTRATION: The FY 23-24 Budget was adopted on May 18. Budget amendments for the current year are due May 26. Wi-fi service has been unstable with many service disruptions during May. New switches and routers will be installed this summer for more reliability. The webpage revision is in the final stages and release is expected by July. **PROGRAMS & PROMOTIONS:** The MSU Extension Summer Series begins Tuesday, May 23. Michigan Notable Author Jeff Morrison will present on Thursday, May 25th @4:30 p.m. The Director and Outreach Coordinator will take the bookmobile to the Webster Kindergarten Center Field Day on June 1 to issue library cards, share information on the summer reading program and hand out free books. The Friends Ice Cream Social, Children's Magician, Book Sale, City Band, and Bookmobile tours will take place from 4:30 – 7pm on June 1. The Live on the Lawn concert series begins on June 15. Bonifas partnership activities currently in the final planning stages include a poetry reading with Dee Sweet, a 'Fam Jam' cardio session with Nicole Nelson and reader's theater with the Player's de Noc. Upcoming Bookmobile Events include the Independence Day Celebration in Ludington Park, Marina Fest, Waterfront Art Festival, Labor Day Parade, and Marketplace and Municipal beach pop up events. The Great Start Coalition will be providing activities, stories and free books for multiple events. **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** The director participated in online Public Library Impact and Response Sessions, 2/21/23 & 3/21/23, 5/16/23 and 6/21.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Friends of the Library Annual Meeting Report. The director reported on the recent annual meeting of the Friends of the Library. Information on the contributions made by the Friends over the past year was presented.

B) Superiorland Library Cooperative Board – Appointment. The director presented information about an opportunity for board members to participate in the Superiorland Library Cooperative Board by appointing a member to attend meetings online and potentially stand for election to be a voting member. No action was taken.

C) Library Open Hours Schedule. The director reviewed the proposed schedule for public open hours that would begin on July 5, following the holiday closure for the 4th of July. Staff will be discussing the proposal at a meeting on Friday. The board consensus was that the adjustment to the hours was feasible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Trustees expressed appreciation for Chair Tammy Wiles who has completed her final meeting with the board. Gail Brazeau has been appointed as a new trustee and will attend the June meeting. The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 26 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:34p.m. on consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,


Carolyn Stacey, Library Director

Approved,


Lynn Soderberg, Vice- Chair