

CITY OF ESCANABA
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
November 27, 2023

A meeting of the Escanaba Public Library Board of Trustees was held on November 27, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers. The meeting was called to order at 5:02p.m.

PRESENT: Lynn Soderberg, Priscilla Green, Amy Reddinger, Carolyn Stacey, Tyler Dubord

ABSENT: Gail Brazeau, Christina Economopoulos

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL/CORRECTIONS(S) TO MINUTES: The minutes of the October 23, 2023 meeting were accepted on consensus.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Administration recommended switching the order of items B and C on the agenda. The agenda was accepted on consensus with this change.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Financials, use measures, programs and community activities were reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A) Staff Development Day

Administration reported on the agenda and activities for the staff day that took place on November 13th and expressed appreciation for being able to close the library to focus on professional development.

B) Presentation – Navigating Materials Challenges for Library Trustees

Trustees provided their feedback on the presentation by Superiorland Library Cooperative Director Dillon Geshel at the October meeting. Administration clarified the status of policies and procedures referenced in the presentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Delta County Poet Laureate Program

Trustees received information about a program inviting the library to nominate a local poet for the position of Delta County Poet Laureate. This program is distinct from the established U.P. Poet Laureate Foundation, a 501c3 organization. *P. Green made a motion that the library choose not to nominate a Delta County Poet Laureate. L. Soderberg seconded the motion, motion carried.*

B) Library Trustee Manual – Section Review

Trustees reviewed Appendices J and K of the Library Trustee Manual referencing State Aid and Penal Fine Facts and Establishment information.


C) Contract Review

The draft tiered contract for library services is currently under attorney review. Administration distributed a spreadsheet providing a basis for the proposed fees and charts illustrating funds per person to the library, based on service area location.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 18th at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:15p.m. on consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,


Carolyn Stacey, Library Director

Approved,


Lynn Soderberg, Chair