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Library Board Meeting

Proposed Minutes

December 17, 2020 - 6:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Judeen Bartos at 6:31 pm.
2. Roll call: Judeen Bartos, Kelly Farrah, Adrienne Fazzolara, Amanda Hanlin, Daniel Hooper, Kevin Yezbick. Director Jenny Marr and Recording Secretary Kerrie Patterson also present. All attendees attended remotely via Zoom from Ferndale, MI.
3. Approval of agenda:
Motion: Approve the agenda as presented. (Hanlin/second Yezbick); Yezbick-Yes, Hooper-Yes, Hanlin-Yes, Fazzolara-Yes, Bartos-Yes, Farrah-Yes.
4. Public comment: none.
5. Minutes: Approve November 19, 2020 regular meeting proposed minutes:
Motion: Approve November 19, 2020 regular meeting proposed minutes. (Farrah/second Hooper); Bartos-Yes, Fazzolara-Yes, Hanlin-Yes, Hooper-Yes, Yezbick-Yes, Farrah-Yes.
6. Director's report: (See att.) Verbal overview of written report. Biblioboard- new online resource coming in January. Download Destination hit 1 million checkouts this year during Thanksgiving weekend, which is a new record.
7. Oakland County Interlocal Agreement for CARES Act Grant - update: (See att.) Applied for the CARES Act Grant last month. \$76,256.79 applied for; all received and covered. Only covers items already purchased through November 30, 2020; not future purchases.
8. Acceptance of expenditures and finance reports for the month of November: (See att.) Finance committee did not meet in December. Annual bond disclosure completed in December. Auditor will upload the latest audit report prior to December 31, 2020.
Motion: Accept the expenditures and finance reports for the month of November. (Yezbick/second Hanlin); Bartos-Yes, Farrah-Yes, Fazzolara-Yes, Hanlin-Yes, Hooper-Yes, Yezbick-Yes.
9. Board meeting proposed schedule for 2021: (See att.) Mostly still third Thursdays of each month at 6:30 pm.
Motion: Accept the board meeting schedule for 2021 as presented. (Farrah/second Fazzolara); Yezbick-Yes, Hooper-Yes, Hanlin-Yes, Fazzolara-Yes, Bartos-Yes, Farrah-Yes.
10. Board vacancy discussion: 16 people applied; application was on website and advertised in several media publications. Would like to close the window for applicants tonight. Bartos formed an ad-hoc committee to narrow down the applications. Bartos volunteered to be one of two members, Hanlin volunteered to be the second person, and Marr will attend the meetings and take notes. A special public

meeting will be held to decide which applicants will be interviewed. Afterward, there will be public interviews, which may be held during the January meeting, or perhaps a special meeting.

Motion: Close the application window for the board member vacancy. (Hanlin/second Fazzolara); Yezbick-Yes, Hooper-Yes, Hanlin-Yes, Fazzolara-Yes, Bartos-Yes, Farrah-Yes.

11. Committee reports:

A. Art & Exhibitions: (See att.) Jeff Milosevich booked artist Dalia Reyes. Her art is currently displayed in the building, and there will be a virtual reception on January 11, 2021. Artists for March and May already booked. Other libraries are starting to copy this. Podcast was well-received at this year's virtual MLA conference.

- **B. Friends of the FPL:** Annual (virtual) membership meeting was last Monday, 12/14/20 and was held prior to the regular monthly meeting (virtual). Nina Kelly was voted in as the new Treasurer, with the rest of the board officers returning in their positions. Jolabokafloð (Yule Book Flood) event is again happening online this year, as well as 12 days of Christmas (highlighting things the Friends have done this year). Book it to Your Couch 5k is starting in January and the form will be online. Cookbook fundraiser- still accepting recipes. Masks with Friends logo are in the works.

C. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: Did not meet in December.

D. Finance: Did not meet in December.

E. Personnel: No report.

F. Schools: No report. Hanlin commented on exploring more ways to assist teachers while they are working remotely.

12. Review action items:

A. The ad-hoc committee will review the board member applications.

B. Hanlin will share information about a mask vendor with Farrah.

C. Schools committee will meet with Head of Youth Services Jordan Wright after the holidays.

13. Announcements/comments from board members:

A. Fazzolara is excited about the candidate pool for the vacant board position. Loves that Jeff Milosevich has more artists lined up, and that the Friends are still doing great things.

B. Farrah congratulated Marr on the CARES funding grant. Is also excited about the candidate pool and the podcast.

C. Yezbick was also excited about CARES and the number of board applicants. He was at another virtual meeting today and everyone was impressed with the number. Wished everyone Happy holidays and New Year.

D. Hooper, Hanlin, and Bartos echoed Happy Holidays and New Year.

E. Bartos hasn't heard back from the city clerk regarding how the board members can take their oaths of office in January. Will update everyone when she finds out.

14. Adjourn:

Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. (Fazzolara/second Yezbick); Yezbick-Yes, Hooper-Yes, Hanlin-Yes, Fazzolara-Yes, Bartos-Yes, Farrah-Yes.

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