

INDIAN RIVER AREA LIBRARY

Board Minutes

November 19, 2024

Meeting called to order at 3:30.

Present: Kathy Cole, Jon Webb, Patty Hull, Jill Sager, Elise Harrington, and Kelsey Rutkowski.

Absent: Sue Fisher-excused.

Public Comment on the Agenda Items: None

Hull motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of D. Christmas gifts for the library employees under Old Business, and change the date on the agenda to November 19, 2024.

Sager seconded and all AYE.

Sager motioned to approve the October 22, 2024 Board meeting minutes, Webb seconded, and all AYE.

Financial Report

- A. Sager motioned to accept the monthly expenses of \$5249.81(14 bills), Hull seconded, and all AYE.
- B. Investment Update-Details in board packet.

Director's Report- Rutkowski reported that the MLA Conference was very productive with the details in the board packet. The Halloween life-size Candland game was a huge hit with the public! The Dec-Feb newsletter will be mailed out at the end of November. Rutkowski asked for volunteers to help with the IR Christmas Nov 29, 4-6 pm. Rutkowski is still working on the details of her HSA but may need assistance from the board to complete the process.

Friends of the Library Report- Karen Hill reported that they will hold their Stocking Stuffer Book Sale Dec. 6-7 in the township hall. The Friends are working on cataloging and listing the rare and old books that have been donated, to be sold at a later date. Hill thanked the outgoing library board for their service!

Old Business

- A. Building Grant Update- Report is in the Board packet.
- B. Vector Tech Internet Project Update-hoping for a January start date.
- C. Policies- Rutkowski plans on working on the Capital Assets and Presenter Policies. A few changes were made to the Board of Trustees Bylaws(in Board packet) and will be voted on by the new board members at the next meeting.
- D. Christmas gifts for employees- The FOL is a 501 C-3 organization now, so any Board members or Friends that wish to contribute to the Library Staff Christmas gift fund, may do so at McClutchy's store, next to the library.

New Business

- A. Library Cards Order-the new cards were previewed.

Public Comments:

Helen Miller thanked the Board for leaving it in great shape for the new board!

David Hill celebrated the outgoing Board, asked about timely bill paying, and urged the new Board to be attentive to millage in the future.

Cathy Campbell urged the new board to continue the monthly meeting as the Director may need timely board approvals on certain issues.

Ron Odenwald agreed with all of the previous comments and thanked the Board for working so well together and with the township.

Board Comment:

Hull applauded David Hill for being so instrumental in the library renovation! She also thanked Ron Odenwald for being so helpful with the building grant and other things.

Cole motioned that the Board appoint Greg Rotter as acting IRAL Board for the initial meeting, Webb seconded, and all AYE.

Cole motioned to adjourn at 4:47, Sager seconded, and all AYE.