

**Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 14, 2024**



PRESQUE ISLE DISTRICT LIBRARY

- Call to Order** The regular meeting of the Presque Isle District Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at the Rogers City branch by Beach Hall. Board members present were Trustees Judy Kimball, Terri Koss, Art Nash, and Colleen Whitsitt, Mary Hentkowski and Jenifer Altman. Staff present were Amber Alexander, Anne Belanger and Daniel Bielas.
- Public Comment** Val Schalk wondered about increase in rent and why. Stated the original lease agreement (expired on December 31st, 2023 due to default on obligations) states Rogers City Community Theatre will be renewed every 5 years.
- Minutes** *Moved by Colleen Whitsitt and seconded by Mary Hentkowski to approve the minutes from the January 2024 board meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous.*
- Moved by Art Nash and seconded by Judy Kimball to rescind motion in old minutes about raising RCCT rent. All ayes.*
- Financial Statements** *Moved by Judy Kimball and seconded by Art Nash to accept the Accounts Payable and Checks Printed since last board meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous.*
- Discussion on snow removal and the costs. For a very mild winter, costs look high. Board suggests getting quotes from other companies.
- Invoice for remaining payment on wall restoration has been received and will be paid at the end of the week. There were the additional keypad, and window costs added.
- Directors Report** Programming going well. Over 40 in attendance at Musical films.
Staff and patron made recipes for the Recipe Book Club.
Craft Swap Shop coming up.
Family game night, date change due to voting.
Salmon book launch at the theater this May.
Newspaper digitization grant has been submitted.
Annual Report is done and sent out to constituents. Library card numbers are down but all other numbers are up.
Auditor paperwork has been submitted, waiting to hear back for any questions and date for site visit.
Daniel supplied information about movies in the 21 counties of Northern Michigan which will help with grant writing.
Marqueetown will be screened during Nautical Festival.
- Old Business** Discussion: Beach Hall will continue to try to have dialogue with the Rogers City Community Theatre to reach some agreement. Board members concerned for Amber and her staff and the effects that this impasse has caused on all of them. Amber has sought legal council on her own and asks that the situation not be prolonged. Board agrees to give Beach a week to work on negotiations and will call a special meeting of the Board. Some Board members have requested copies of the original lease to review. Amber's biggest concern is the entire situation on accountability and the Landlord/Tenant relationship. Liability is chief concern for the Board. Board gives Beach until Feb. 28th, before he leaves out of town, for dialogue or a resolution will be made by Board. Board also asked for the total amount of utilities, supplies and all other expenses.
- New Business** *Moved by Judy Kimball and seconded by Art Nash to approve the request from the Hoffman Fund at Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) of \$2,000 for the purchase of new computer tables. All ayes.*
- Moved by Mary Hentkowski and seconded by Colleen Whitsitt to approve the request from the Johnson Fund at Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan of \$5,000 to supplement the book budget. All ayes.*

Other Business

Mural artist did a site visit and took measurements and pictures to get a more detailed quote for grant purposes.

Construction on concessions will begin soon.

Kelly Altman, Youth Services, presented at the YAC CFNEM grant for the purchase of phonics kits for each branch. She did an excellent job. We will hear soon on that grant.

Board cannot attend remotely, there is legislation presented to change that.

Next Board Meeting

Next meeting will be held March 13th, 2024 in Rogers City.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Altman