

## Library Board Meeting March 19, 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Members present: Charlene Butcher, Jamie L. Wildermuth, Jill Tegethoff, Jonathan Harris, Patti Wittenauer, Connie Mathis (arrived 5:36 p.m.)

Members absent: Barry Kellerman

Staff present: Alex Fisher and David Sprehe

Visitors: Jeff Egbert, Josh Kuhnert, Marilyn Fisher, Rick Fisher, Sarah Issler, Don Bigham, Mayor Spencer

Secretary's Report: Jonathan makes a motion to accept the secretary's report, Patti seconded

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance \$46,179.78, Debit \$7278.98. Credit \$2,756.23, Interest \$0.70 Ending balance \$41,657.73. Jamie makes a motion to pay the bills for March and accept the treasurer's report, Jill seconded to accept the report

Director's Report:

- Illinet survey and library certification have been submitted to the state
- Wish list for the Caring and Sharing Program: Libby app subscription renewal, nutritional snacks, AED assistance, and filters for air purifiers
- David entered us into a contest through Sparklight to help fund our STEAM programming for after school. We are currently in second place. Voting ends on March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- We have received support from our customers and the community members. Their donations have exceeded the amount we need to pay back the city.
- Businesses around town have donated baskets for a silent auction to help further raise funds for the library.
- Trivia night fundraiser is still in progress

budget cuts. IL Library Standards state that we can't take certain things out of the budget, so the budgets cuts couldn't be made.

Josh and the guys - we are thankful for coming to board up the windows, but Charlene and another person cleaned up the glass. Josh expressed how he felt Servepro takes advantage of individuals. Alex and David were cleaning up the floor with lint rollers to remove glass, so we found it necessary to call Servepro. We couldn't risk any liability if a child would get cut.

We have had David Stone and Rick Cicardi that have been appointed to our library board. Mayor Spencer said a formal invitation can be extended to Josh Kuhnert to be appointed to the board.

We are also extending the invitation for Sarah Issler to join the library board. We will be sending paperwork into city hall.

Rick Fisher started doing the mowing after Kathy and Larry West left. Alex Fisher and Rick continued the mowing. Sam Peradotto came over and asked why we were mowing the grass, because the city would take care of it. Then Rick Cicardi contacted Rick Fisher and said the city would do it.

Mayor Spencer's comments: If you have any concerns, it was listed at the bottom of the letter. His first comment, was Marilyn Fisher contacting the mayor and asking if the amount could be cut in half. He told Marilyn to "get the word out" that we would need help raising the funds. The Mayor said Alex should have come to him and had a conversation with him prior to Facebook.

Jonathan stated that the letter was a bill, it didn't seem that the bottom was asking for us to contact them for help.

The city is paying to keep our building insured, they're paying for the parking lot. The city does things to support the library.

We should be receiving 10% of the personal property replacement tax. Charlene has the totals. The city is getting \$83,900. Last year the city got \$116,000.

We want more transparency for both sides on how funds are being paid towards bills, etc. We have never been provided a copy of this intergovernmental agreement or the audit from the city.

Mr. Bigham is going to look into what amount we should be receiving from the personal property replacement tax.

Add a time and a public comments section for future meeting agendas.

Jamie makes the motion to adjourn the meeting, Connie seconded at 7:12 p.m.