

Minutes of the Bayfield Carnegie Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Library Board of Trustees Meeting: Wednesday, April 15th. Called to order at 4:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Teresa Weber, Mary Lynch as president, Annunziata Feldis, Shyam Gray, Bill Bland, Vicki Redenbaugh, Linda Georgeson,

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting made by Feldis, seconded by Bland. **Motion Carried.**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- We are very close to where we should be with the budget.
- Technology Support is at 73.94% of total, but reflects payment at the beginning of the year to Northern Waters.
- Water /Sewer is a little high due to a dripping faucet in the restroom.
- Electricity/Heat was \$715.00 for the month. More will need to be budgeted for that line item in 2027.
- A deposit was made to Arrow Lift of \$7,005.50 paid from the checking account.
- We are still receiving books from the bookseller Ingram for orders made in 2025.

Motion to pay the bills made by Georgeson, seconded by Bland. **Motion Carried.**

LIBRARIANS REPORT

- There is a new small meeting room. The second computer from the East computer room is being moved into the main space.
- A 4-year warranty with the lift is standard and we are assured it does not reflect on the longevity of the apparatus.
- We just received another lift inspection. It passed but problems are becoming evident and the inspector said it was good we are getting a replacement.
- Boreal Waters has raised the spendable balance % this year.
- The Thrift Sale will be May 15 & 16. Volunteers are needed. The Friends will be contacted.
- The Repair Café was a success. The program will potentially continue.

- Jon Carpenter, a photographer in the area, has been hired to help get photos online. He has also been approached with taking the Board vacancy currently available.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Lift Report: The new lift has been ordered and the deposit paid. It will take 16-20 weeks for the lift to be manufactured. Mention of needing a contractor and electrician was made by Arrow Lift. We are hoping that it will be completed by the end of the year.
- Sound System: Teresa contacted a small company in Duluth, Dad's Electronic. There would be a \$350 non-refundable consultation and design fee, applied to total if we choose them. They quoted \$3,000- 7,000. It is recommended to have at least two people versed in the system. An employee at the school, Stevie, could also be a resource for information about available technologies.
- The water leak in the lower level has been dry now for a week. The problem occurs when the ground is still frozen and the water is flowing.

NEW BUSINESS

- The library received two letters of intent regarding the board vacancy.

Motion to nominate Jon Carpenter to the board made by Gray, seconded by Georgeson. **Motion Carried.**

- The Landscape Committee is in the research stage, determining scope and what is entailed in gathering a core working group. Two members from the board will be represented in this group: Feldis and Gray.
- Teresa would like to aim to have a budget amount for the wall and landscaping by August, in order to have it to present to the city.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Report from the landscaping committee
- Update on the sound system tech

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20th at 4pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shyam Devi Gray