

Mackinaw Area Public Library  
Board of Directors Meeting, January 10, 2018  
Minutes of December 13, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Pan Godchaux.

Present: Kelly Kent, Sue Krueger, Jolene Michaels, Robin Nelson, Katie Strittmatter, and Betty Waak. By Skype: Pan Godchaux.

Reviewed and approved November, 2017 Board minutes. Motion: Krueger; second, Kent. Approved: unanimous voice vote.

Reviewed and accepted financial statements for November, 2017. Motion: Waak; second, Strittmatter. Approved: unanimous voice vote.

New Business—

1. “Escape Room” during Winterfest, 2018. The Library will be open on Thursday, January 18 and Friday, January 19 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (including an in-service from 9-11 a.m. on Friday for school teachers), and on Saturday, January 20, from Noon until 3- 4:00? It is free of charge to children under 10, and \$1 for ages 10 and up, with Thursday being FREE TO ALL. Robert and Yvonne Thomson, from Mind Thrill Escape Room, are managing this event. Motion: Waak; second, Krueger. Unanimous voice vote.
2. During Winterfest, 2018, the Community Room would be available to shop for books and have hot chocolate.

Old Business--

1. NY Times digital subscription- unlimited logins on the Library computers; outside of the Library, other devices count toward the 10,000 downloads per year. Motion: to purchase a one-year subscription made by Sue Krueger, second, Kent. Approved: unanimous voice vote.
2. Still considering purchasing a conservative newspaper. Presently, the Library carries only local newspapers.
3. Hoopla- System being set-up; starting January, 2018; circulation system upgraded February or March, 2018.
4. Investment income- \$99,700. First statement from broker. Estimated annual income is \$4,100. Each Board member will receive a copy of the monthly summary page.

5. Due to low patronage on Saturdays in the winter, the Library will be closed on Saturday from January 1- March 31.

Project updates--

1. The carpet bill was \$570 below budget.
2. New carpet installed in the Community Room, and a path through the main room was completed in December, in time for the Children's Christmas Open House on December 13, 2017. Over 30 children and parents attended.
3. Insulation—  
Verbal quote for office, MI room, 12" insulation = \$6,000.  
Main room and Community Room need 6" insulation.  
Walls- presently have 2" insulation.
4. Foyer-  
Jolene will get formal bids and work times for insulation and the foyer for the next Board meeting.

Additional Board member comments—

1. The audit is progressing. State aid is collecting data.
2. Kelly Kent (Bliss Library Branch) voiced concerns regarding an unsupervised community event. We cannot lock the Library door because 2 exits are needed. Perhaps a sign stating "LIBRARY CLOSED" "EMERGENCY ONLY" could be posted.

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. Motion: Waak, second, Kent.

Respectfully submitted by,

Robin V. Nelson  
Secretary, 2017-2018