

Tri-Township Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Regular Minutes

January 7th, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Ashcraft.

Roll Call: Elson, Juehne, Lindsay, Scheller and Ashcraft. Absent: Erschen.

Present from the public were David Cassens, Director and Pamela Espindola.

Input Of Agenda Items: Board – Appointment of Board vacancy.

Election of Officers

Public- None

Approval of Minutes: Tabled

Election of Officers – There was a discussion of voting of officers (March)

A motion was made by Juehne and seconded by Elson to appoint Pamela Espindola to the library Board as a Trustee.

Ayes: Elson, Juehne, Lindsay, Scheller and Ashcraft. Absent: Erschen.

The election of Officers was tabled until we have the full board.

Treasurer's Report: WE are good, solid. There were no transfers, Funds are on target. We don't know yet what will happen with the new State laws.

Director's Report: Director's meeting with the Rotary Club of Troy on December 4th, 2019 went well.

We have upgraded our fire alarm system.

Director has finished and submitted the Per Capita grant for this year and received an email confirmation.

Statistics are enclosed.

Director gave a description of the statistics for the new members

Fines – we have eight hundred forty six owed and have collected only four hundred seventy one.

Front desk statistics were explained.

Computer usage is low due to the weather and holidays.

The door count is two thousand less.

Programming is healthy There was a discussion of Tea at Two.

Kinder music was cancelled in November as Ellen couldn't make it due to the weather.

Maintenance: The elevator has been fixed.

Communications: Our lawyer has received a letter and intervened for us on property taxes for storage unit, and the fees were lowered.

Old Business: Green Space – nothing.

25 year Celebration Committee – We have only received five favorite reads and other hobbies. Some need to be updated.

There was a discussion of displays for hobbies. Lindsay said she may have a display case.

New Business: Dental Insurance Plan – Director has gotten bids on Dental Insurance for staff, Those it would affect are Joel, Debbie Shrewsberry, Elizabeth and David Cassens. Cornerstone gave us three plans, and we also received quotes from Guardian Insurance

Company, Met Life and Delta Dental. Guardian was the cheapest and closest to our previous Insurance. Met Life had

the least coverage and Delta Dental offered dental and Vision. The plan we decide on would be grandfathered in due to our company being bought out. There was discussion and then a motion was made by Elson and seconded by Scheller to go with Guardian Insurance Company.

Ayes: Elson, Juehne, Lindsay, abstained, Scheller and Ashcraft. Absent: Erschen.

Fine Free - The fine free proposal was discussed. Many other libraries have already gone to fine free service for patrons including Peoria, Decatur, Breeze, Chicago and Kansas City. Wood River is also considering it. Director said there would be more patronage with fine free.

Bags for Mats-

We have gotten rid of the collection agency.

Closed Session: None.

Announcements and Adjournment: The meeting was closed at 8:06 p.m.